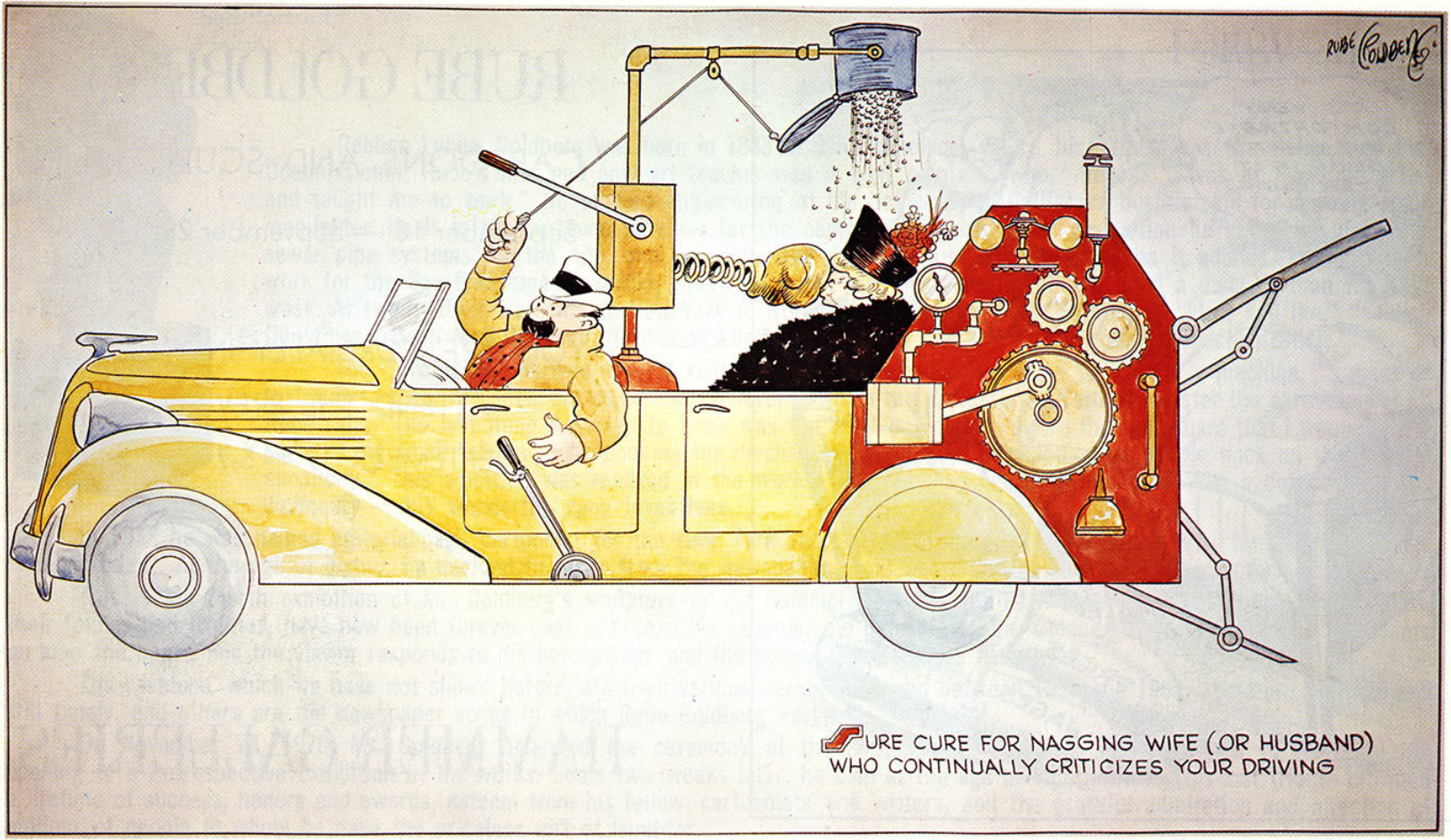

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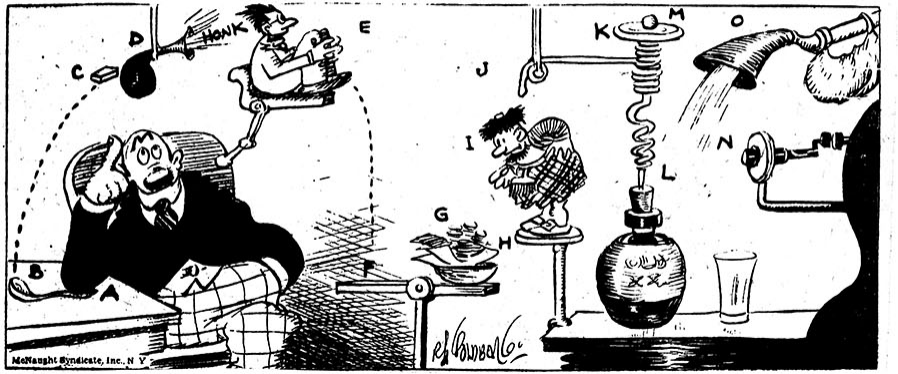
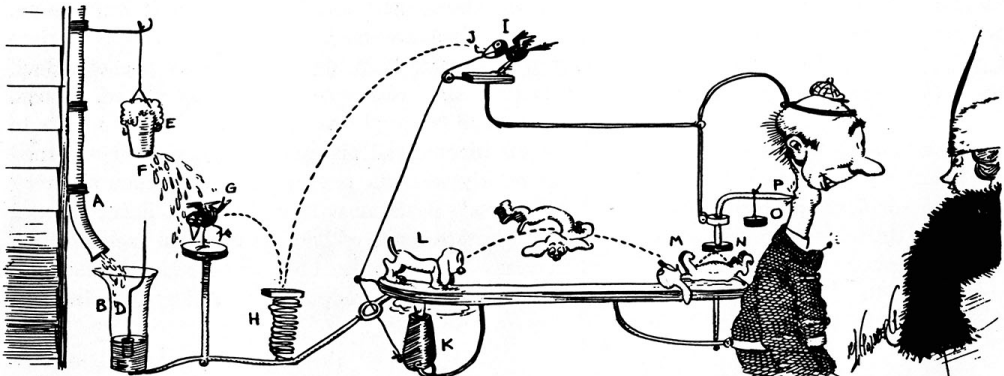
That's Life -:- -:- -:- -:- -:- By Rube Goldberg

A HANDY CORKSCREW AT LAST- AS YOU WONDER HOW TO OPEN BOTTLE, ELBOW (A) CAUSES SPOON (B) TO TOSS CUBE OF SUGAR (C) INTO AIR AND HONK AUTO HORN (D) MIDGET POET (E) IS SCARED OUT OF HIS REVERIE AND JUMPS TO BOARD (F) TOSSING MONEY (G) OUT OF BASKET (H) - SCOTCH MIDGET (I) BECOMES DESPONDENT WHEN HE SEES MONEY SCATTERED AND HANGS HIMSELF WITH ROPE (J), SPINNING TOP (K) AND FORCING SCREW INTO CORK (L) - AS TOP IS LOWERED, IVORY BALL (M) FLIES OFF AND HITS ELECTRIC BUTTON (N) WHICH TURNS ON VACUUM CLEANER (O) WHICH PULLS UP TOP AND CORK. DON'T FORGET - THE MIDGETS DESERVE A DRINK FOR THEIR COOPERATION.





WATER FROM DRAIN-PIPE (A) DROPS INTO FLASK (B) - CORK (C) RISES WITH WATER CARRYING NEEDLE (D) WITH IT - NEEDLE PUNCTURES PAPER TUMBLER (E) CONTAINING BEER (F) - BEER SPRINKLES OVER BLUEBIRD (G) AND HE BECOMES INTOXICATED AND FALLS ON SPRING (H), WHICH BOUNCES HIM TO PLATFORM (I) - HE PULLS STRING (J) THINKING IT IS A WORM - STRING FIRES OFF CANNON (K) WHICH FRIGHTENS PEACE-HOUND (L), CAUSING HIM TO JUMP IN AIR, LANDING ON BACK IN POSITION (M) - HIS HEAVY BREATHING RAISES DISC (N), WHICH IS BROUGHT BACK INTO ITS ORIGINAL POSITION BY WEIGHT (O), - THE CONTINUAL BREATHING OF THE DOG MOVES SCRATCHER (P) UP AND DOWN OVER MOSQUITO BITE, CAUSING NO EMBARRASSMENT WHILE TALKING TO A LADY.

A Portable Cigar-Lighter That Works

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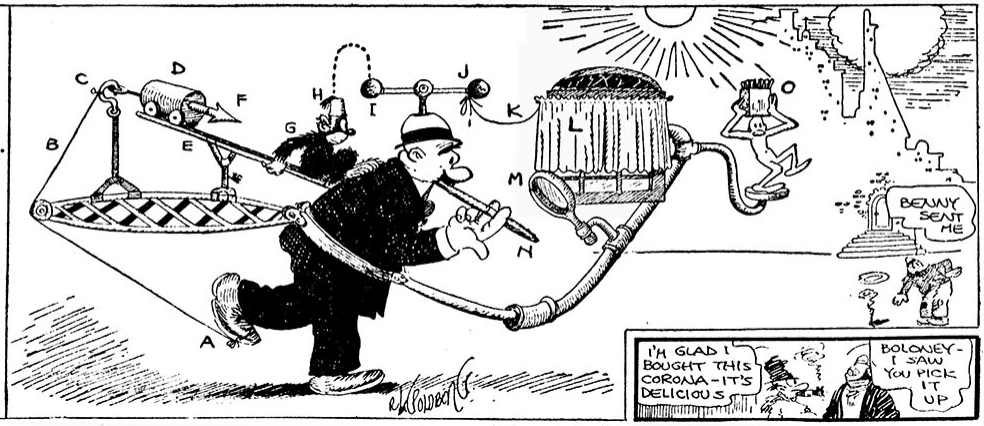
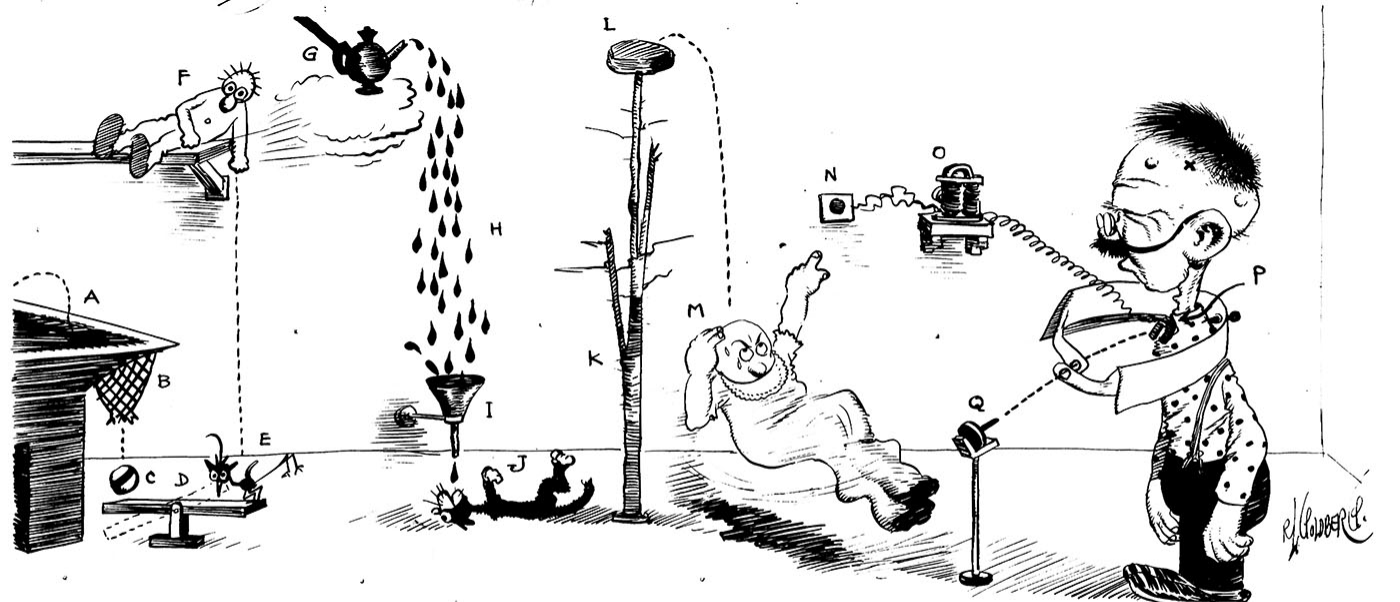
WIGGLE FOOT (A) - STRING (B) PULLS HOOK (C) WHICH STARTS SMALL CAR (D) ROLLING DOWN TRACKS (E) - POINT (F) JABS MONKEY (G) IN BACK - FRIGHT CAUSES HAT (H) TO FLY OFF AND LAND ON END OF LEVER (I) - END (J) RISES AND STRING (K) OPENS CURTAINS (L), LETTING THROUGH SUNLIGHT - MAGNIFYING GLASS. (M) FOCUSSES HEAT ON CIGAR (N) AND STARTS IT BURNING - IF YOU GET TIRED WAITING FOR THE SUN TO COME OUT, USE EMERGENCY BOX OF MATCHES (O)



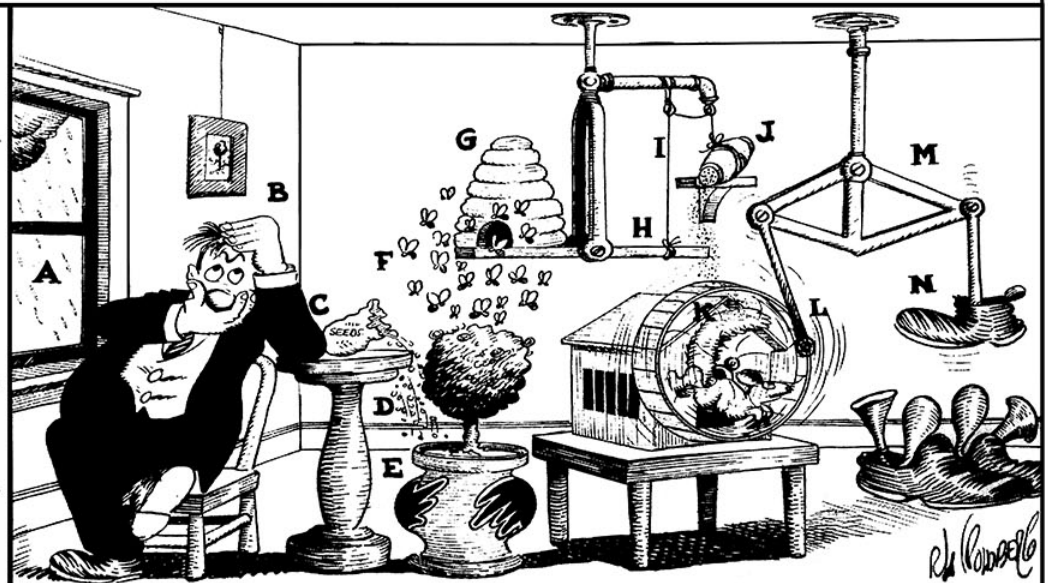


STAND NEAR POOL TABLE (A) - BALL (C) FALLS THROUGH POCKET (B) STARTING SEE-SAW (D) AND BOUNCING MEASLES-GERM (E) INTO THE AIR - GERM HITS DOLL (F) WHICH IMMEDIATELY CATCHES MEASLES AND DEVELOPS A HIGH FEVER - FEVER HEATS COFFEE POT (G) AND COFFEE BOILS OVER, DROPPING THROUGH FUNNEL (I) INTO CAT'S MOUTH, GIVING CAT (J) INSOMNIA - CAT CLIMBS TREE (K) FOR DIVERSION AND KNOCKS OFF BRICK (L) - BRICK HITS CHILD (M) IN HEAD - CHILD PRESSES BUTTON (N) THINKING IT WILL SUMMON HELP - BUTTON SETS UP CURRENT IN COIL (O) WHICH CHARGES MAGNET (P) WHICH ATTRACTS TACK (Q) THROUGH BUTTON-HOLES IN COLLAR, HOLDING COLLAR SECURELY IN POSITION.

A Simple Way to Locate Your Rubbers on a Rainy Day by Rube Goldberg

PROFESSOR BUTTS LIES DOWN ON A FUR RUG WHICH TURNS OUT TO BE A SLEEPING LION AND DISCOVERS A SIMPLE WAY TO LOCATE YOUR RUBBERS ON A RAINY DAY.

AS RAIN (A) STARTS YOU WONDER WHERE YOU PUT YOUR RUBBERS. WHEN YOU PUT YOUR HAND (B) TO YOUR HEAD TO THINK, ELBOW (C) UPSETS BAG OF FLOWER SEEDS (D) INTO JARDINIERE (E) CAUSING PLANT TO GROW AND BLOSSOM, ATTRACTING BEES (F) WHICH FLY FROM THEIR HIVE (G). HIVE NATURALLY BECOMES LIGHTER IN WEIGHT AND ALLOWS END OF BOARD (H) TO DIP AND PULL CORD (I) TIPPING SALT SHAKER (J). AS SALT SPILLS ON SQUIRREL'S TAIL (K) HE THINKS SOME ONE IS TRYING TO CATCH HIM AND STARTS TO RUN THEREBY TURNING WHEEL (L) CAUSING WALKING-BEAM (M) TO MOVE SHOE (N) WHICH STAMPS FIRMLY ON BULBS OF AUTO HORNS (O) WHICH CONTINUE TO HONK UNTIL YOU HAVE PICKED UP YOUR RUBBERS. OF COURSE, AFTER YOU FIND YOUR RUBBERS YOU'LL HAVE TO BUY TWO AUTOMOBILES IF YOU DO NOT WANT HORNS TO GO TO WASTE.

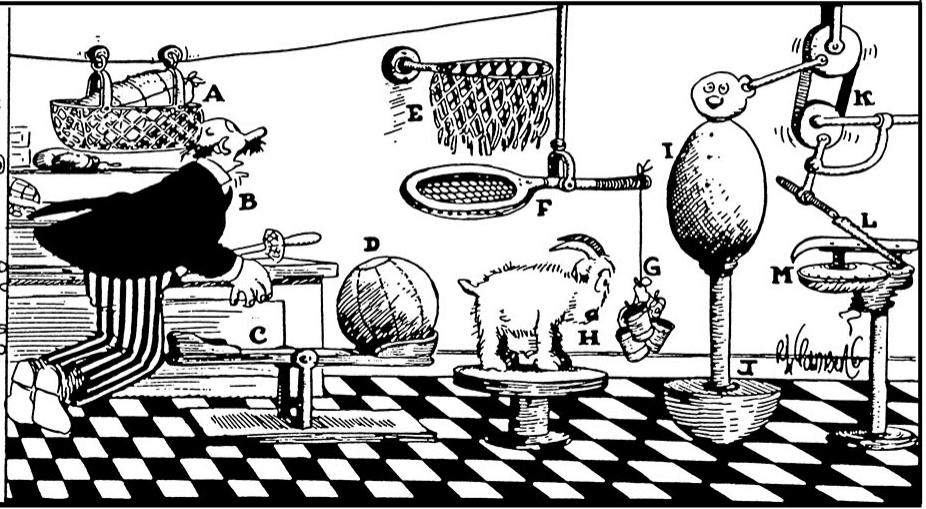


A Simple Way to Sharpen Ice Skates by Rube Goldberg

PROFESSOR BUTTS, WHILE OVERHAULING A 1907 FORD, FINDS AN IDEA FOR A SIMPLE WAY TO SHARPEN ICE SKATES.

WIRE BUNDLE-BASKET (A) IN SPORTING STORE HITS FLOOR-WALKER (B) AND KNOCKS HIM DIZZY. AS HE SINKS TO FLOOR HIS KNEES HIT END OF SEE-SAW (C) WHICH TOSSES BASKET BALL (D) INTO BROKEN NET (E). BALL FALLS ON TENNIS RACKET (F) CAUSING GROUP OF TIN CANS (G) TO FLY UP OUT OF REACH OF HUNGRY GOAT (H). GOAT, BEING ROBBED OF HIS DINNER, JUMPS IN FURY AND BUTTS HIS HEAD AGAINST BOXING DUMMY (I). DUMMY SWAYS BACK AND FORTH ON SWIVEL BASE (J), CAUSING TWO ECCENTRIC WHEELS (K) TO PUSH FILE (L) ACROSS BLADE OF SKATE (M) AND MAKE IT SHARP ENOUGH TO USE FOR SKATING IN THE WINTER AND SHAVING IN THE SUMMER.

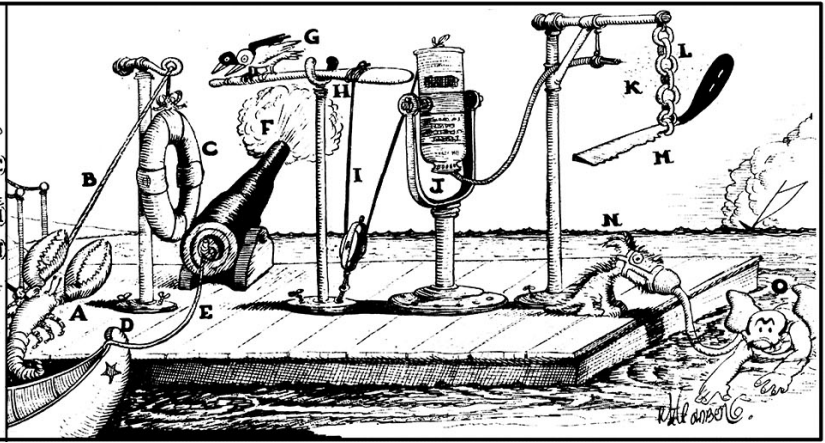
YOU MAY THINK IT CRUEL TO HIT THE FLOOR-WALKER ON THE HEAD. BUT WE ASSURE YOU THERE IS NOTHING INSIDE WHICH CAN BE DAMAGED.



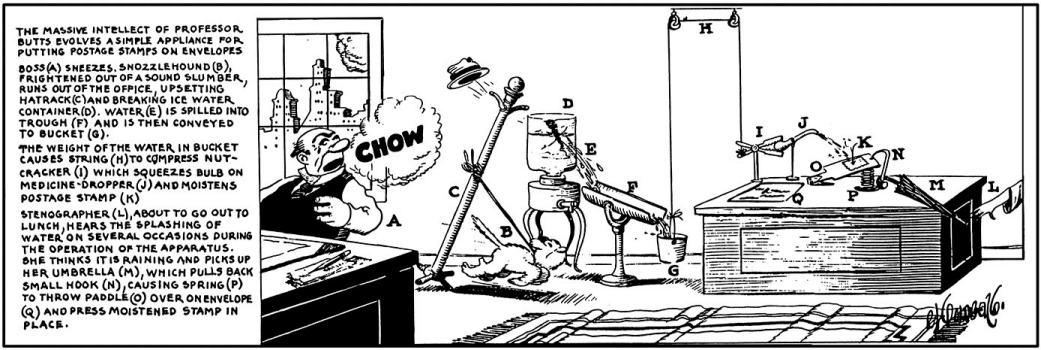
An Idea for Blowing up Water Wings

Some one sends Professor Butts a bomb through the mail and when he collects all the pieces he finds an idea for blowing up water wings. Lobster (A) crawls up on float and bites rope (B) in two causing life preserver (C) to drop and roll against canoe (D) forcing it to drift away from float and pull rope (E) which fires salute (F). Sea Gulls (G) mistake report for the signal of Sunset and come home to roost. Weight of birds on oar (H) causes it to tip and pulls cord (I) which reverses position of fire extinguisher (J) (according to directions) Forcing Acid (K) to spray on chain (L). Links rust and eventually break, dropping razor (M) which cuts hair off Brazilian spaniel (N). Spaniel catches cold, sneezes and blows up water wings (O).

If razor kills spaniel, then you will sink and never know that Professor Butts has failed for the first time in his life.



Putting Postage on Envelopes


THE MASSIVE INTELLECT OF PROFESSOR BUTTS EVOLVES A SIMPLE APPLIANCE FOR PUTTING POSTAGE STAMPS ON ENVELOPES
BOSS (A) SNEEZES. SNOZZLEHOUND (B), FRIGHTENED OUT OF A SOUND SLUMBER, RUNS OUT OF THE OFFICE, UPSETTING HATRACK (C) AND BREAKING ICE WATER CONTAINER (D). WATER (E) IS SPILLED INTO TROUGH (F) AND IS THEN CONVEYED TO BUCKET (G).
THE WEIGHT OF THE WATER IN BUCKET CAUSES STRING (H) TO COMPRESS NUT-CRACKER (I) WHICH SQUEEZES BULB ON MEDICINE-DROPPER (J) AND MOISTENS POSTAGE STAMP (K)
STENOGRAPHER (L), ABOUT TO GO OUT TO LUNCH, HEARS THE SPLASHING OF WATER ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS DURING THE OPERATION OF THE APPARATUS. SHE THINKS IT IS RAINING AND PICKS UP HER UMBRELLA (M), WHICH PULLS BACK SMALL HOOK (N), CAUSING SPRING (P) TO THROW PADDLE (O) OVER ON ENVELOPE (Q) AND PRESS MOISTENED STAMP IN PLACE.
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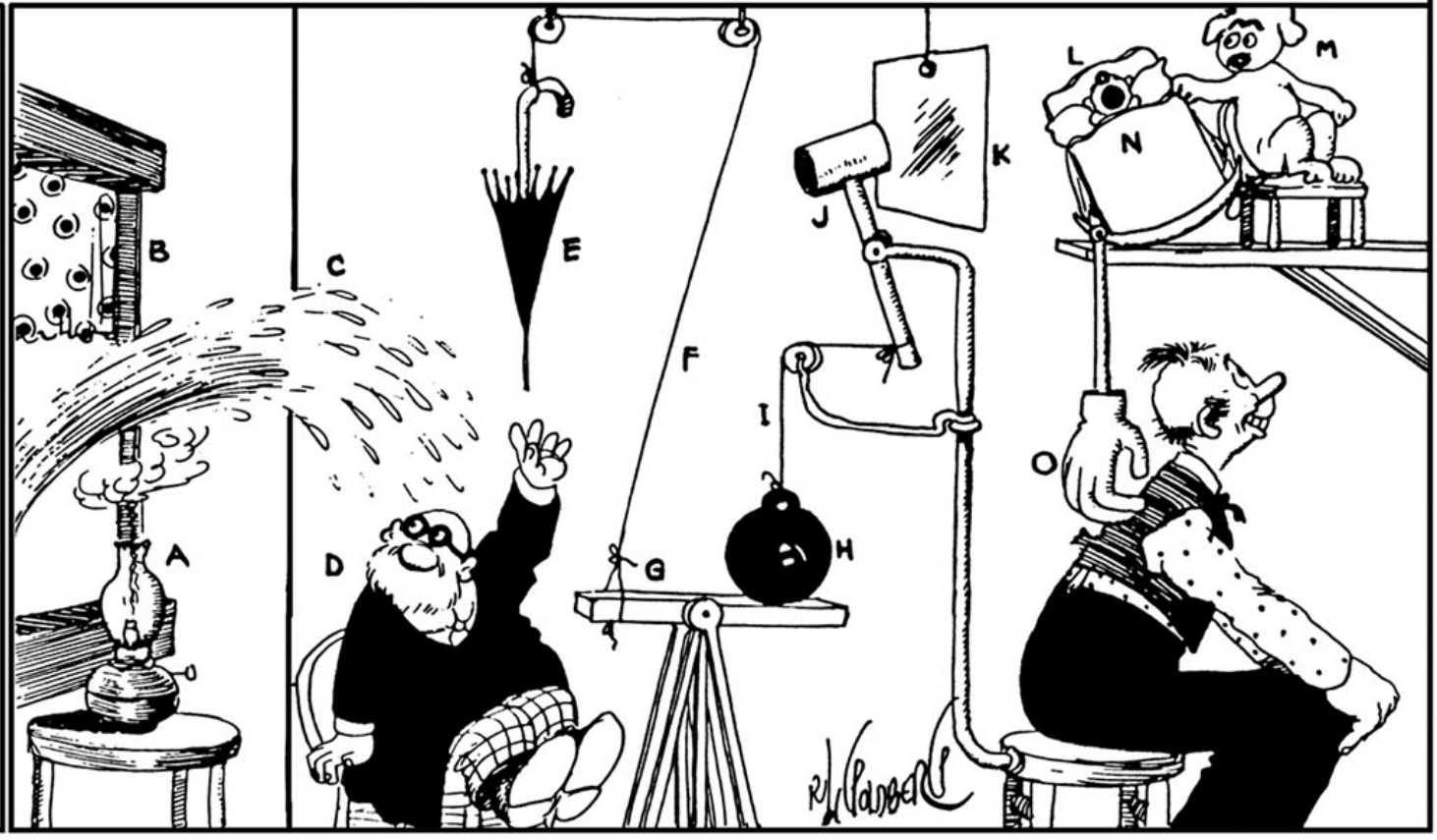
Automatic Back Scratcher by Rube Goldberg

FLAME FROM LAMP (A) CATCHES ON CURTAIN (B) AND FIRE DEPARTMENT SENDS STREAM OF WATER (C) THROUGH WINDOW - DWARF (D) THINKS IT IS RAINING AND REACHES FOR UMBRELLA (E), PULLING STRING (F) AND LIFTING END OF PLATFORM (G) - IRON BALL (H) FALLS AND PULLS STRING (I), CAUSING HAMMER (J) TO HIT PLATE OF GLASS (K) - CRASH OF GLASS WAKES UP PUP (L) AND MOTHER DOG (M) ROCKS HIM TO SLEEP IN CRADLE (N), CAUSING ATTACHED WOODEN HAND (O) TO MOVE UP AND DOWN ALONG YOUR BACK.



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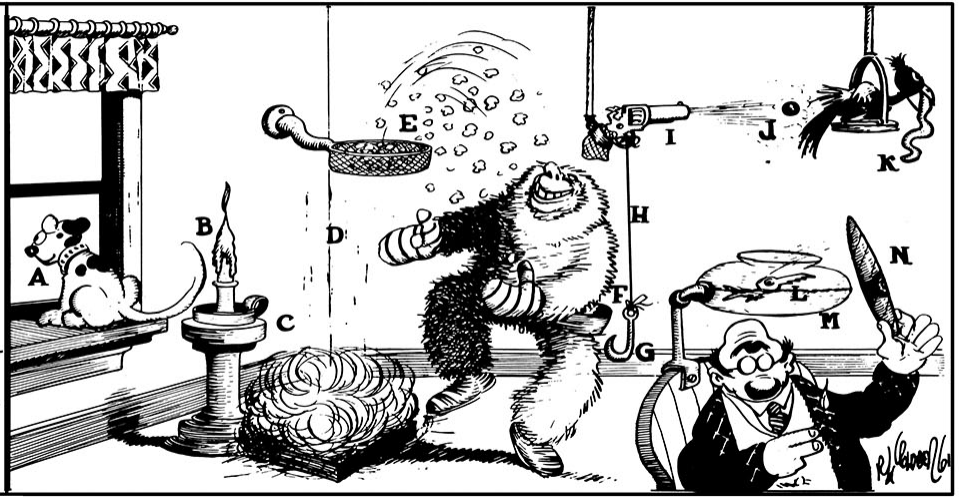
Automatic Cigar Cutter

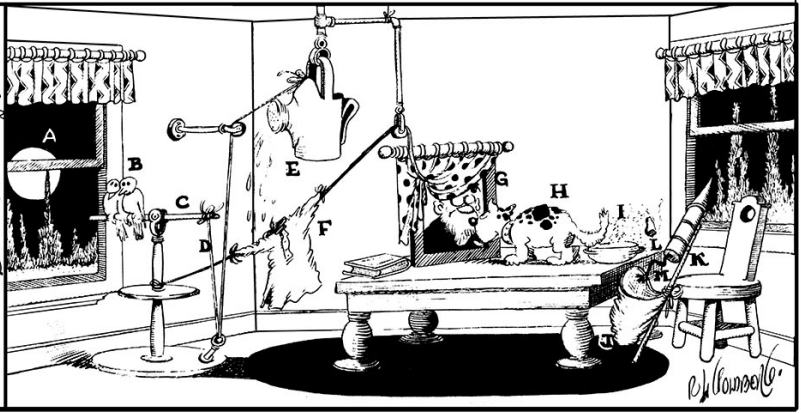
PROFESSOR BUTTS WALKS THROUGH A GLASS DOOR AND WHEN THEY PICK OUT THE PIECES THEY FIND AN IDEA FOR AN AUTOMATIC CIGAR CUTTER. ZOOVLE-PUP(A) SEEING MASTER COMING UP THE PATH WAGS TAIL FOR JOY UPSETTING CANDLE(B) WHICH SETS FIRE TO EXCELSIOR(C) IN BOX ON FLOOR. FLAMES(D) HEAT POP CORN(E) WHICH ESKIMO MISTAKES FOR FALLING SNOW AND DANCES WITH GLEE, GETTING HIS BELT(F) CAUGHT ON SUSPENDED HOOK(G), WHICH JERKS STRING(H) AND PULLS TRIGGER OF PISTOL (I). BULLET(J) HITS ZINGUS BIRD WHICH OPENS ITS MOUTH IN SURPRISE AND DROPS WORM(K). SWORDFISH(L) JUMPS OUT OF BOWL (M) AFTER WORM AND ITS SWORD NEATLY LOPS OFF END OF CIGAR(N).

NOW, THE BIG IDEA IS TO GET THE SWORDFISH BACK INTO THE BOWL. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU LEAVE THAT ENTIRELY TO THE SWORDFISH.

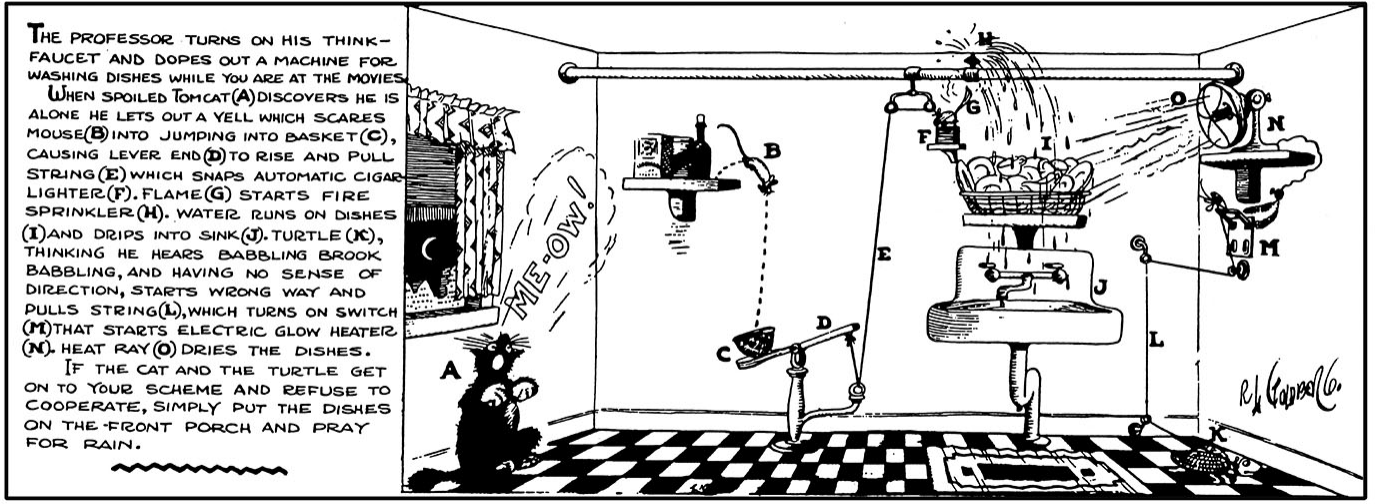


Automatic Device for Emptying Ashtrays Rube Goldberg

PROFESSOR BUTTS TRIPS OVER A HAZARD ON A MINIATURE GOLF COURSE AND LANDS ON AN IDEA FOR AN AUTOMATIC DEVICE FOR EMPTYING ASH TRAYS.
BRIGHT FULL MOON (A) CAUSES LOVE BIRDS (B) TO BECOME ROMANTIC AND AS THEY GET TOGETHER THEIR WEIGHT CAUSES PERCH (C) TO TIP AND PULL STRING (D) WHICH UPSETS CAN (E) AND SPRINKLES WOOLEN SHIRT (F) CAUSING IT TO SHRINK AND DRAW ASIDE CURTAIN EXPOSING PORTRAIT OF WIGWAG PUPS MASTER (G). AS PUP (H) SEES MASTERS PICTURE HE WIGWAGS TAIL FOR JOY AND UPSETS ASH TRAY (I), SPILLING ASHES AND SMOULDERING BUTTS INTO ASBESTOS BAG (J) ATTACHED TO SKY ROCKET (K). BUTT (L), PASSING FUSE (M), IGNITES IT AND CAUSES ROCKET TO SHOOT OUT OF WINDOW DISPOSING OF ASHES.
YOU SHOULD ALWAYS HAVE TWENTY OR THIRTY HIGH-POWERED AEROPLANES READY TO GO OUT AND SEARCH FOR THE ASBESTOS BAG.



Automatic Dishwasher


THE PROFESSOR TURNS ON HIS THINK-FAUCET AND DOPES OUT A MACHINE FOR WASHING DISHES WHILE YOU ARE AT THE MOVIES.
WHEN SPOILED TOMCAT (A) DISCOVERS HE IS ALONE HE LETS OUT A YELL WHICH SCARES MOUSE (B) INTO JUMPING INTO BASKET (C), CAUSING LEVER END (D) TO RISE AND PULL STRING (E) WHICH SNAPS AUTOMATIC CIGAR LIGHTER (F). FLAME (G) STARTS FIRE SPRINKLER (H). WATER RUNS ON DISHES (I) AND DRIPS INTO SINK (J). TURTLE (K), THINKING HE HEARS BABBLING BROOK BABBLING, AND HAVING NO SENSE OF DIRECTION, STARTS WRONG WAY AND PULLS STRING (L), WHICH TURNS ON SWITCH (M) THAT STARTS ELECTRIC GLOW HEATER (N). HEAT RAY (O) DRIES THE DISHES.
IF THE CAT AND THE TURTLE GET ON TO YOUR SCHEME AND REFUSE TO COOPERATE, SIMPLY PUT THE DISHES ON THE FRONT PORCH AND PRAY FOR RAIN.
ME-OW!
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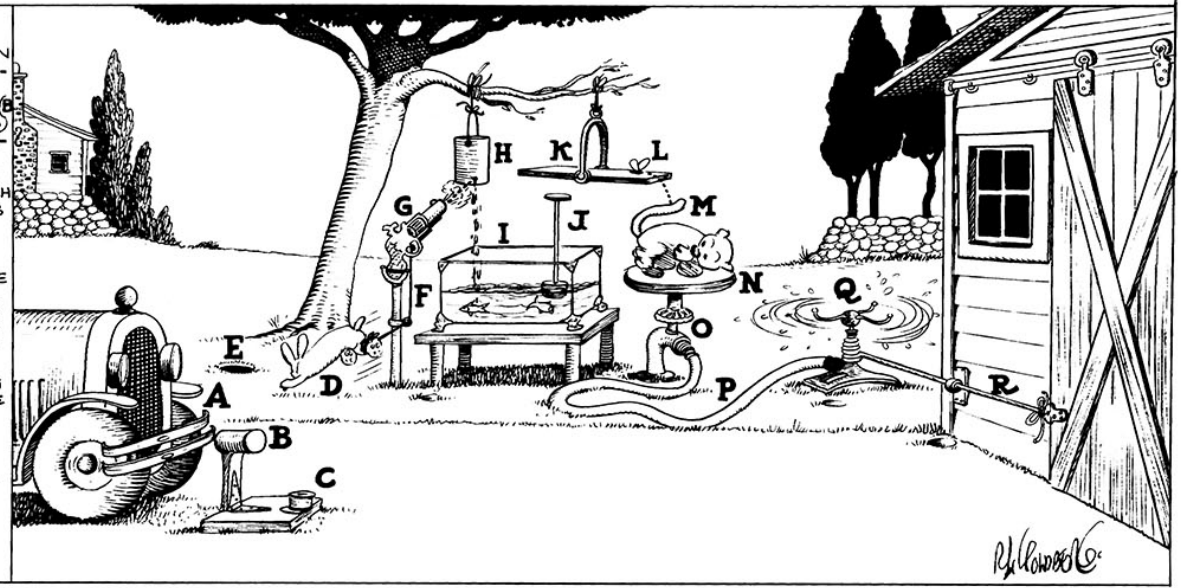
R. J. Goldberg

Opening the Garage Door by Rube Goldberg

PROFESSOR BUTTS TAKES A DRINK OF STRANGE GIN AND EVOLVES AN INVENTION FOR OPENING THE GARAGE DOOR WITHOUT GETTING OUT OF THE CAR. DRIVE AUTO BUMPER (A) AGAINST MALLET (B) PUSHING IT DOWN AND EXPLODING CAP (C) FRIGHTENING RABBIT (D) WHO RUNS TOWARD HIS BURROW (E) PULLING STRING (F) WHICH DISCHARGES PISTOL (G). THE BULLET PENETRATES CAN (H) FROM WHICH THE WATER DRIPS INTO AQUARIUM (I). AS THE TIDE RISES IN THE AQUARIUM IT ELEVATES THE FLOATING CORK-UPRIGHT (J) WHICH PUSHES UP END OF SEE-SAW (K) CAUSING FLEA (L) TO LOSE IT'S BALANCE AND FALL ON GEDUNK HOUND'S TAIL (M) WHO WAKES UP AND CHASES HIS TAIL ROUND AND ROUND CAUSING PLATFORM (N) TO SPIN AND TURN ON FAUCET (O). WATER RUNS THROUGH HOSE (P) STARTING REVOLVING LAWN SPRINKLER (Q) ON WHICH ROPE (R) WINDS ITSELF OPENING GARAGE DOOR.

OF COURSE, IF YOU WISH, YOU CAN DRIVE RIGHT THROUGH THE DOOR AND THEN THERE WON'T BE ANY OBSTRUCTION LEFT TO BOTHER YOU IN THE FUTURE.



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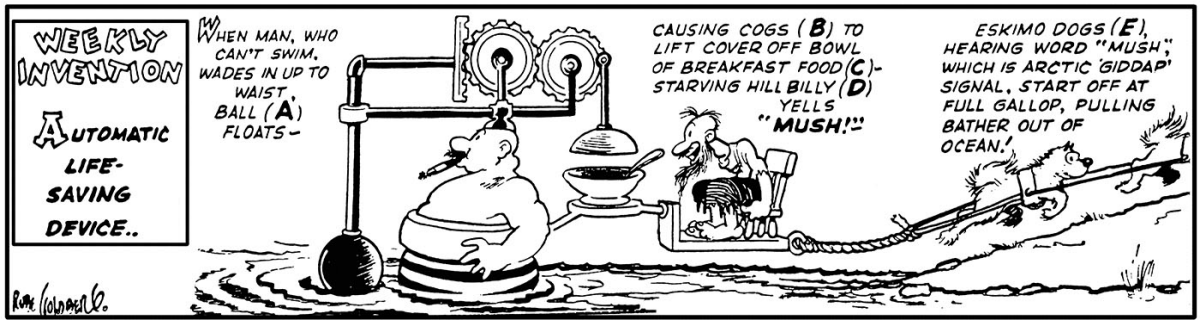
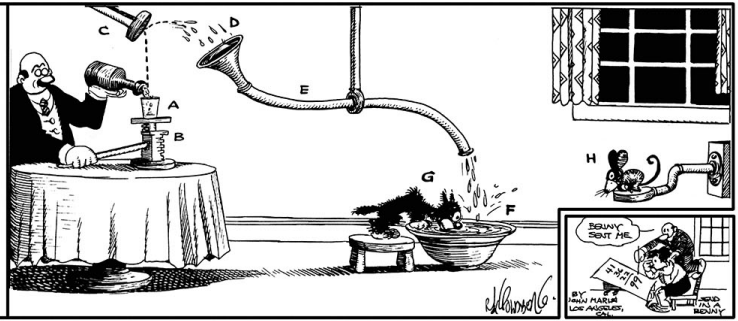

WEEKLY INVENTION
AUTOMATIC LIFE-SAVING DEVICE..
WHEN MAN, WHO CAN'T SWIM, WADES IN UP TO WAIST, BALL (A) FLOATS—
CAUSING COGS (B) TO LIFT COVER OFF BOWL OF BREAKFAST FOOD (C)—STARVING HILL BILLY (D) YELLS "MUSH!"
ESKIMO DOGS (E), HEARING WORD "MUSH," WHICH IS ARCTIC 'GIDDAP' SIGNAL, START OFF AT FULL GALLOP, PULLING BATHER OUT OF OCEAN.
RUBE GOLDBERG

BEFORE TAKING A DRINK, YOU SHOULD USE OUR AUTOMATIC LIQUOR TESTER -

POUR A GOOD SWIG INTO GLASS (A) AND JACK IT UP WITH JACK (B) UNTIL GLASS HITS ARM (C) AND TOPPLES OVER, SPILLING CONTENTS INTO FUNNEL (D) - LIQUOR RUNS THROUGH PIPE (E) INTO BOWL OF MILK (F) BEING SIPPED BY CAT (G) - IF, AFTER FINISHING CONTENTS OF BOWL, CAT DOES NOT POUNCE ON MOUSE (H) IT MEANS SHE DOES NOT SEE MOUSE AS HER EYESIGHT HAS BEEN BADLY IMPAIRED BY THE LIQUOR - THIS IS YOUR CUE TO THROW BOTTLE AWAY AND ORDER A NUT SUNDAE.

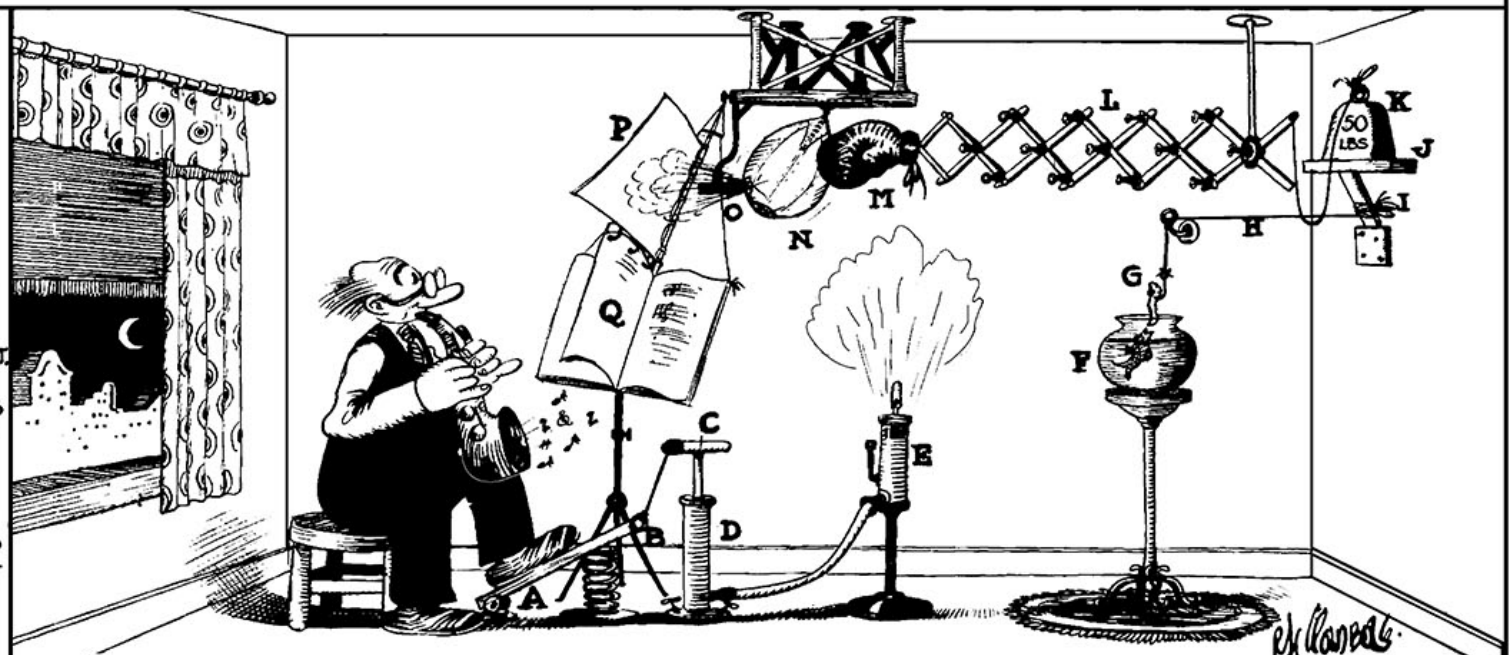


Automatic Sheet Music Turner by Rube Goldberg

AT LAST! THE GREAT BRAIN OF THE DISTINGUISHED MAN OF SCIENCE GIVES THE WORLD THE SIMPLE AUTOMATIC SHEET MUSIC TURNER!

PRESS LEFT FOOT (A) ON PEDAL (B) WHICH PULLS DOWN HANDLE (C) ON TIRE PUMP (D). PRESSURE OF AIR BLOWS WHISTLE (E). GOLDFISH (F) BELIEVES THIS IS DINNER SIGNAL AND STARTS FEEDING ON WORM (G). THE PULL ON STRING (H) RELEASES BRACE (I), DROPPING SHELF (J), LEAVING WEIGHT (K) WITHOUT SUPPORT. NATURALLY, HATRACK (L) IS SUDDENLY EXTENDED AND BOXING GLOVE (M) HITS PUNCHING BAG (N) WHICH, IN TURN, IS PUNCTURED BY SPIKE (O).

ESCAPING AIR BLOWS AGAINST SAIL (P) WHICH IS ATTACHED TO PAGE OF MUSIC (Q), WHICH TURNS GENTLY AND MAKES WAY FOR THE NEXT OUTBURST OF SWEET OR SOUR MELODY.



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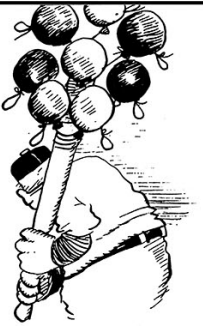
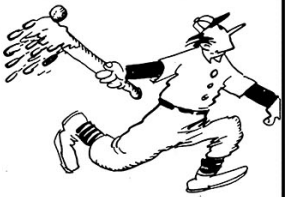
TOBY BUTTS JR. HAS FIGURED OUT AN ARRANGEMENT OF AUTOMOBILE MIRRORS SO HE WILL NOT MISS ANYTHING IN FEMININE BEAUTY THAT HAPPENS TO PASS IN HIS DIRECTION.
THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY SLUMP IN PEACHES
R.R. CROSSING 3 INCHES AHEAD
SAPOGRAMS
WHAT CITY IN JAPAN DOES THIS PICTURE REPRESENT?
SHE YELLS LIKE SOMEBODY WITH A SORE TOE
KEYOH,
SHE'S WAY OFF
OH, SHE'S AWFUL!
KISS ME AGAIN
McNaught Syndicate, Inc., N. Y.

WHEN THE BATTER SWINGS ON THE BALL, THE BALL IS DISSOLVED BY THE ACID SPRAY, GIVING IT THE APPEARANCE OF HAVING BEEN KNOCKED OUT OF SIGHT FOR A HOME-RUN.

BALL GOES IN BIRD'S MOUTH AND BIRD IS RELEASED- THE BATTER CAN COVER AT LEAST THREE BAGS BEFORE BIRD DROPS BALL.



BALL LANDS IN LOOP UNDER ONE OF THE BALLOONS AND FORCE OF SWING RELEASES BALLOON TO CARRY BALL OVER FENCE.

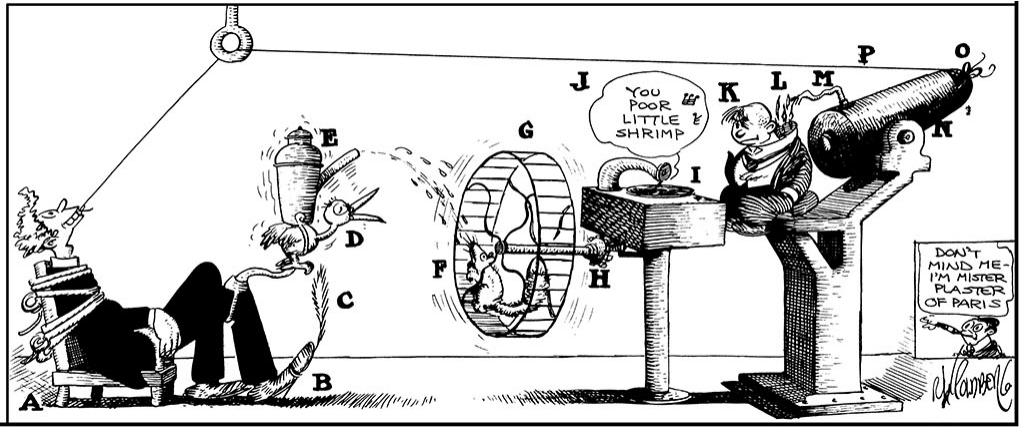


THE GLUE-BAT- YOU CAN CARRY BALL WITH YOU AROUND BAGS AND NOBODY CAN TAG YOU OUT.

THE PISTOL-BAT

BE YOUR OWN DENTIST !

FIRST TIE YOURSELF SECURELY TO CHAIR (A) AND WIGGLE FOOT (B). FEATHER (C) TICKLES BIRD (D) - AS BIRD SHAKES WITH LAUGHTER, IT MIXES COCKTAIL IN SHAKER (E) - BIRD FALLS FORWARD, SPILLING COCKTAIL, AND SQUIRREL (F) GETS SOUSED - IN HIS DRUNKEN EXCITEMENT, SQUIRREL REVOLVES CAGE (G), WHICH TURNS CRANK (H) AND PLAYS PHONOGRAPH RECORD (I) - SONG (J) GETS DWARF (K) HOT UNDER COLLAR AND FLAMES (L) IGNITE FUSE (M) WHICH SETS OFF CANNON (N), SHOOTING OUT CANNON BALL (O), CAUSING STRING (P) TO PULL TOOTH !



WE HAVE INVENTED THIS ARMORED SUIT FOR BEGINNERS IN CONTRACT BRIDGE TO KEEP THEM FROM BEING MURDERED BY MORE EXPERIENCED PLAYERS.
NO, THERE'S NO JUSTICE - SHE SHOULDN'T BE ALIVE!
AND THEY TELL YOU TO BE KIND TO DUMB ANIMALS!
I THINK I'LL TAKE A SHOT AT HER, ANYWAY
YOU BID TWO SPADES- ALL RIGHT, I'LL BID ONE CLUB
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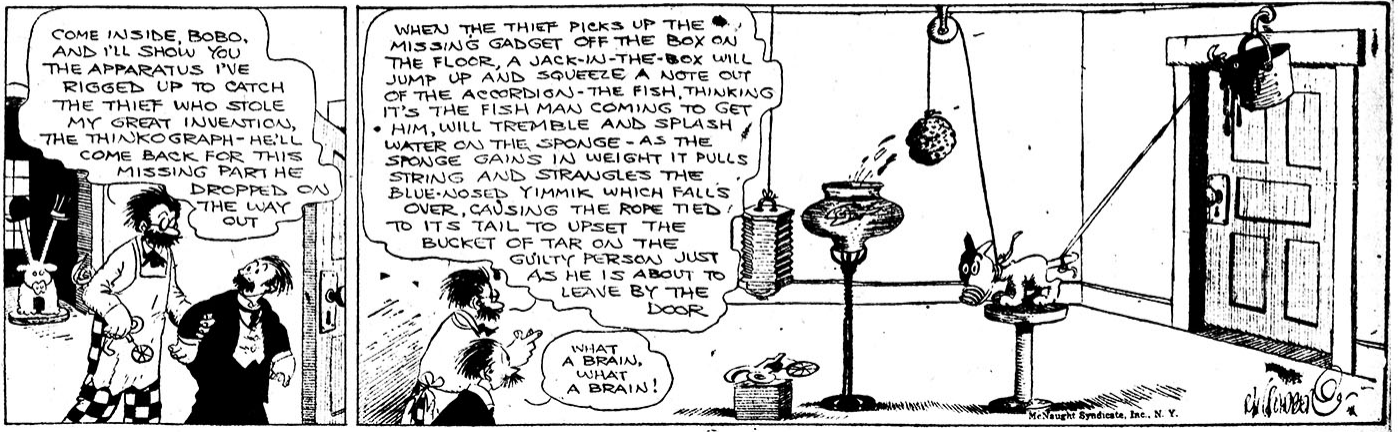
I CAN TELL BY YOUR FACE YOU'RE A GOOD DANCER.
HE DON'T KNOW FROM NOTHIN'

Bobo Baxter -:- ***It's Simple When You Figure It Out*** -:- **By Rube Goldberg**


COME INSIDE, BOBO, AND I'LL SHOW YOU THE APPARATUS I'VE RIGGED UP TO CATCH THE THIEF WHO STOLE MY GREAT INVENTION, THE THINKOGRAPH - HE'LL COME BACK FOR THIS MISSING PART HE DROPPED ON THE WAY OUT
WHEN THE THIEF PICKS UP THE MISSING GADGET OFF THE BOX ON THE FLOOR, A JACK-IN-THE-BOX WILL JUMP UP AND SQUEEZE A NOTE OUT OF THE ACCORDION - THE FISH, THINKING IT'S THE FISH MAN COMING TO GET HIM, WILL TREMBLE AND SPLASH WATER ON THE SPONGE - AS THE SPONGE GAINS IN WEIGHT IT PULLS STRING AND STRANGLES THE BLUE-NOSED YIMMIK WHICH FALLS OVER, CAUSING THE ROPE TIED TO ITS TAIL TO UPSET THE BUCKET OF TAR ON THE GUILTY PERSON JUST AS HE IS ABOUT TO LEAVE BY THE DOOR
WHAT A BRAIN, WHAT A BRAIN!
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That's Life

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By Rube Goldberg

PROFESSOR LUCIFER G. BUTTS A.K. INVENTS A METHOD FOR A BRIDGE PLAYER TO PUNISH HIS DUMB WIFE WITHOUT BEING ARRESTED FOR WILLFUL ASSAULT - PLAYER(A) BURNS UP WHEN HIS WIFE TRUMPS HIS ACE - HEAT(B) STARTS WATER BOILING IN KETTLE(C) - SPOUT(D) WHISTLES AND DOG(E) JUMPS, THINKING THAT MASTER IS CALLING - STRING(F) STARTS PHONOGRAPH(G) PLAYING DANCE MUSIC - MIDGET HOOPER(H) DOES CLOG AND HOT FEET(I) LIGHT CANDLE(J) WHICH BURNS ROPE(K), DROPPING HEAVY POT OF FERNS(L) ON WIFE'S HEAD(M) KNOCKING HER COLD - DURING EXCITEMENT, HUSBAND GOES DOWNTOWN FOR A GAME OF POOL WITH THE BOYS.

AIR MAIL
SAPOGRAMS
READ CAREFULLY AND FIND THE PERSON WHO MISSES THE 5.15 TRAIN.
COME HERE, KITTY
MEW MEW MEW
AIN'T YER GIT NOTHIN' ELSE TER DO, YER BIG BUM?

BOOM!
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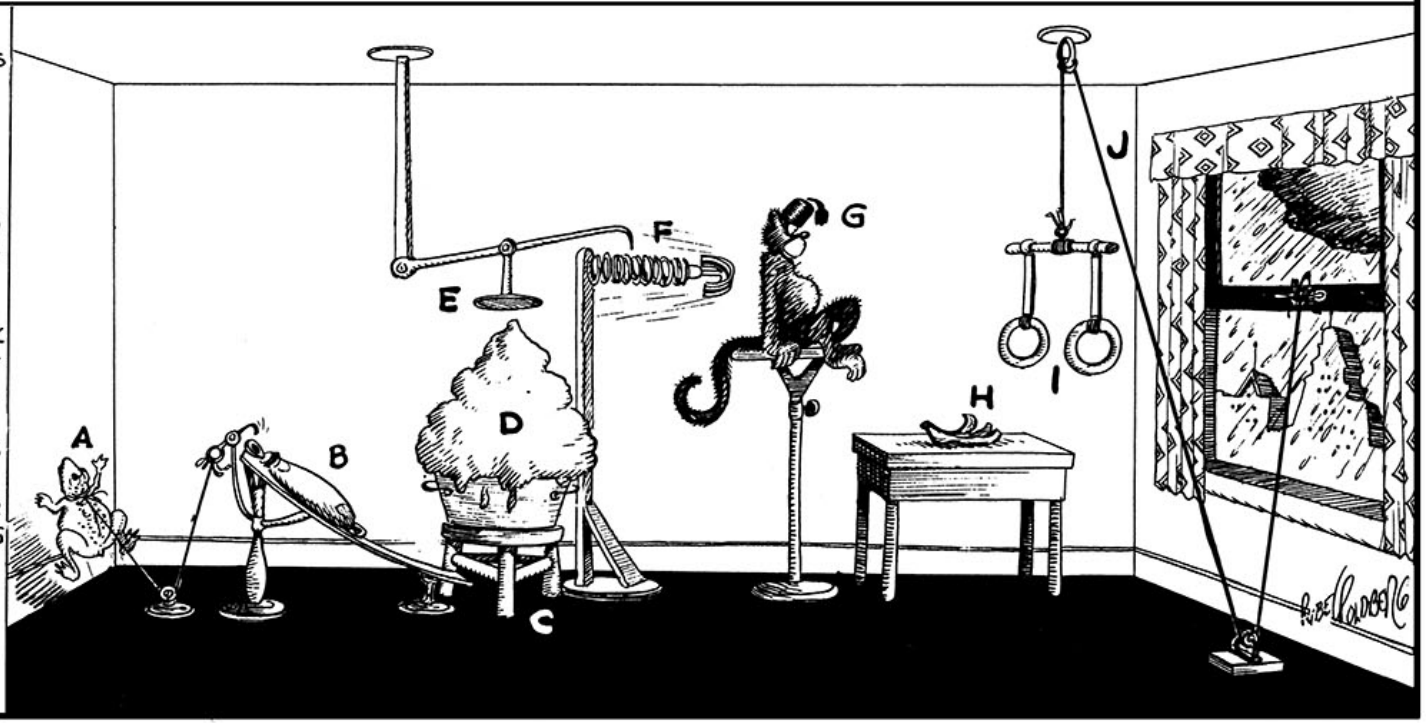
PROFESSOR LUCIFER GORGONZOLA BUTTS A.K. HAS INVENTED A CHANGEABLE ELECTRIC SIGN TO SAVE AUTOMOBILISTS THE TROUBLE OF SHOUTING THEIR SENTIMENTS AT OTHER AUTOMOBILISTS.

Closing the Windows While You Are Away

THE PROFESSOR TAKES A PILL AND DOPES OUT A DEVICE FOR CLOSING THE WINDOW IF IT STARTS TO RAIN WHILE YOU'RE AWAY.

PET BULL FROG (A), HOMESICK FOR WATER, HEARS RAIN STORM AND JUMPS FOR JOY, PULLING STRING (B) WHICH OPENS CATCH (C) AND RELEASES HOT WATER BAG (D) ALLOWING IT TO SLIDE UNDER CHAIR (E). HEAT RAISES YEAST (F) LIFTING DISK (G) WHICH CAUSES HOOK (H) TO RELEASE SPRING (I). TOY-AUTOMOBILE-BUMPER (J) SOCKS MONKEY (K) IN THE NECK PUTTING HIM DOWN FOR THE COUNT ON TABLE (L). HE STAGGERS TO HIS FEET AND SLIPS ON BANANA PEEL (M). HE INSTINCTIVELY REACHES FOR FLYING RINGS (N) TO AVOID FURTHER DISASTER AND HIS WEIGHT PULLS ROPE (O) CLOSING WINDOW (P), STOPPING THE RAIN FROM LEAKING THROUGH ON THE FAMILY DOWNSTAIRS AND THINNING THEIR SOUP.



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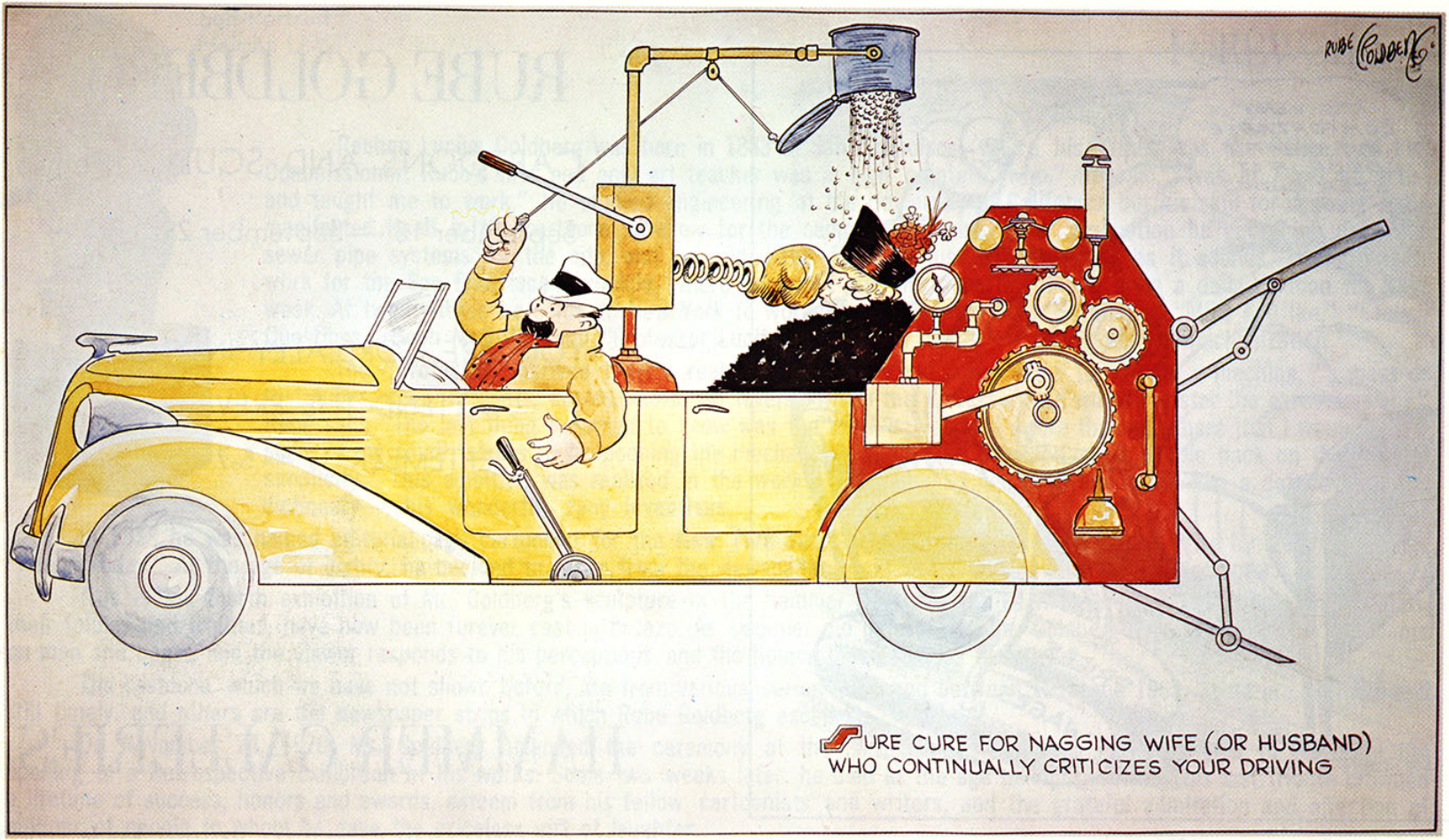

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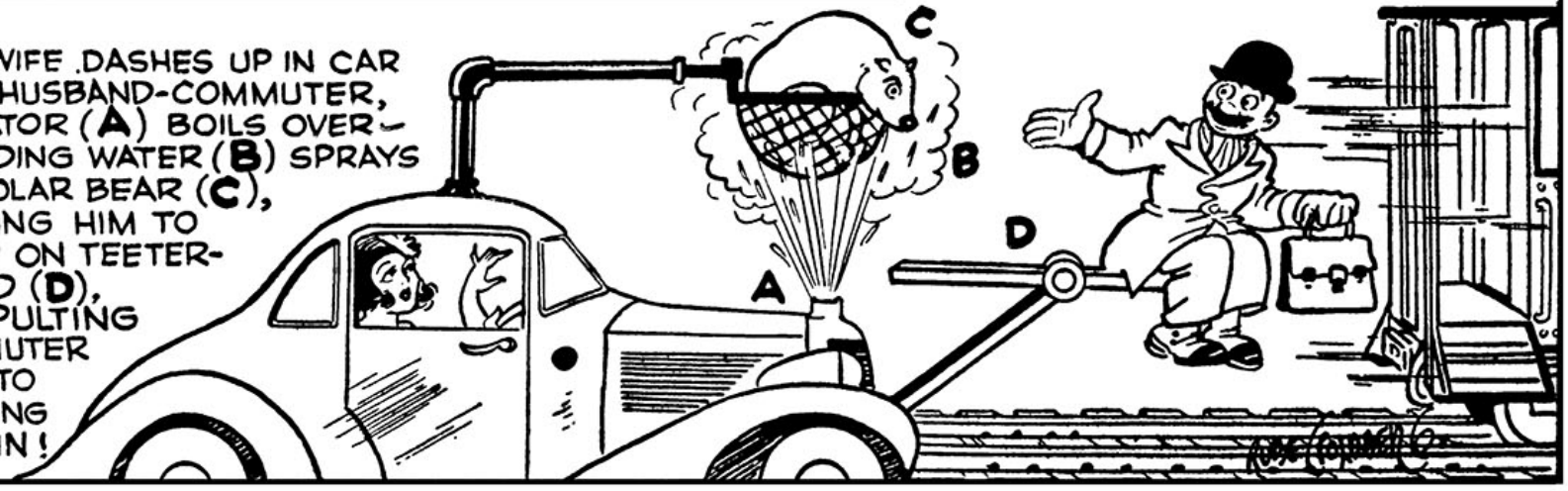
WEEKLY INVENTION

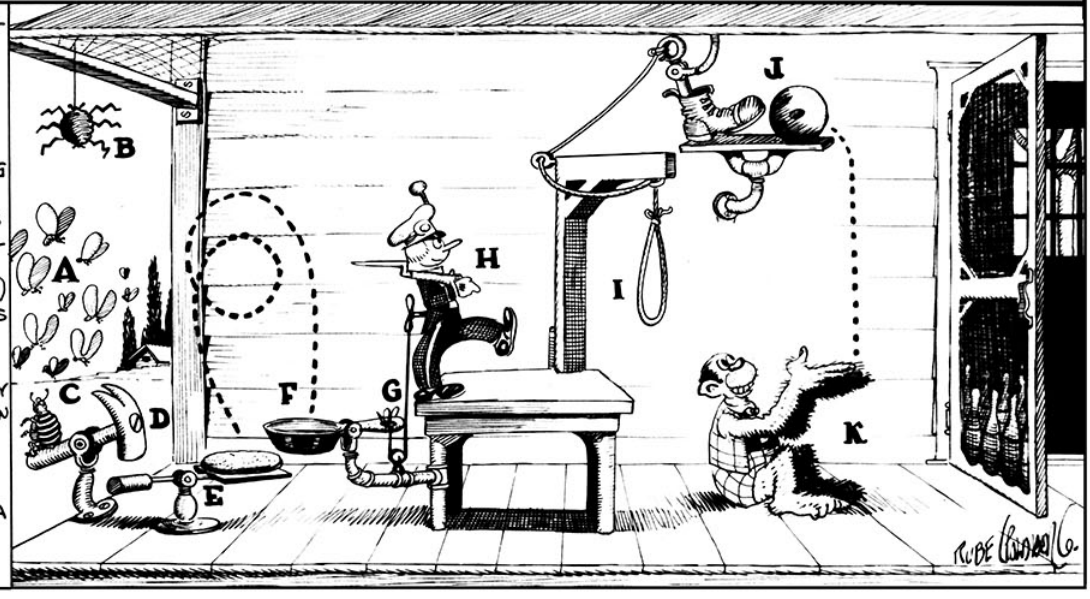
DEVICE FOR HELPING LATE COMMUTER CATCH THE 8:05 AS IT PULLS OUT OF STATION ~

AS WIFE DASHES UP IN CAR WITH HUSBAND-COMMUTER, RADIATOR (A) BOILS OVER — SCALDING WATER (B) SPRAYS ON POLAR BEAR (C), CAUSING HIM TO JUMP ON TEETER-BOARD (D), CATAPULTING COMMUTER ON TO MOVING TRAIN!



Device for Keeping Screen Doors Closed by Rube Goldberg

PROFESSOR BUTTS MAKES A PARACHUTE JUMP, FORGETS TO PULL THE STRING AND WAKES UP THREE WEEKS LATER WITH AN AUTOMATIC DEVICE FOR KEEPING SCREEN DOORS CLOSED.
HOUSEFLIES (A) SEEING OPEN DOOR, FLY ON PORCH. SPIDER (B), DESCENDS TO CATCH THEM AND FRIGHTENS POTATO-BUG (C) WHICH JUMPS FROM HAMMER (D) ALLOWING IT TO DROP ON PANCAKE TURNER (E) WHICH TOSSES PANCAKE INTO PAN (F). WEIGHT OF PANCAKE CAUSES PAN TO TILT AND PULL CORD WHICH STARTS MECHANICAL SOLDIER (H) WALKING. SOLDIER WALKS TO EDGE OF TABLE AND CATCHES HIS HEAD IN NOOSE (I) THEREBY HANGING HIMSELF. WEIGHT IN NOOSE CAUSES STRING TO PULL LEVER AND PUSH SHOE AGAINST BOWLING BALL (J), THROWING IT INTO HANDS OF CIRCUS MONKEY (K) WHO IS EXPERT BOWLER. MONKEY THROWS BALL AT BOWLING PINS PAINTED ON SCREEN DOOR THEREBY CLOSING IT WITH A BANG.
THE MONKEY IS LIABLE TO GET SORE WHEN HE DISCOVERS THAT THE BOWLING PINS ARE PHONEY SO IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO TAKE HIM TO A REAL BOWLING ALLEY ONCE IN A WHILE JUST TO KEEP HIS GOOD WILL.



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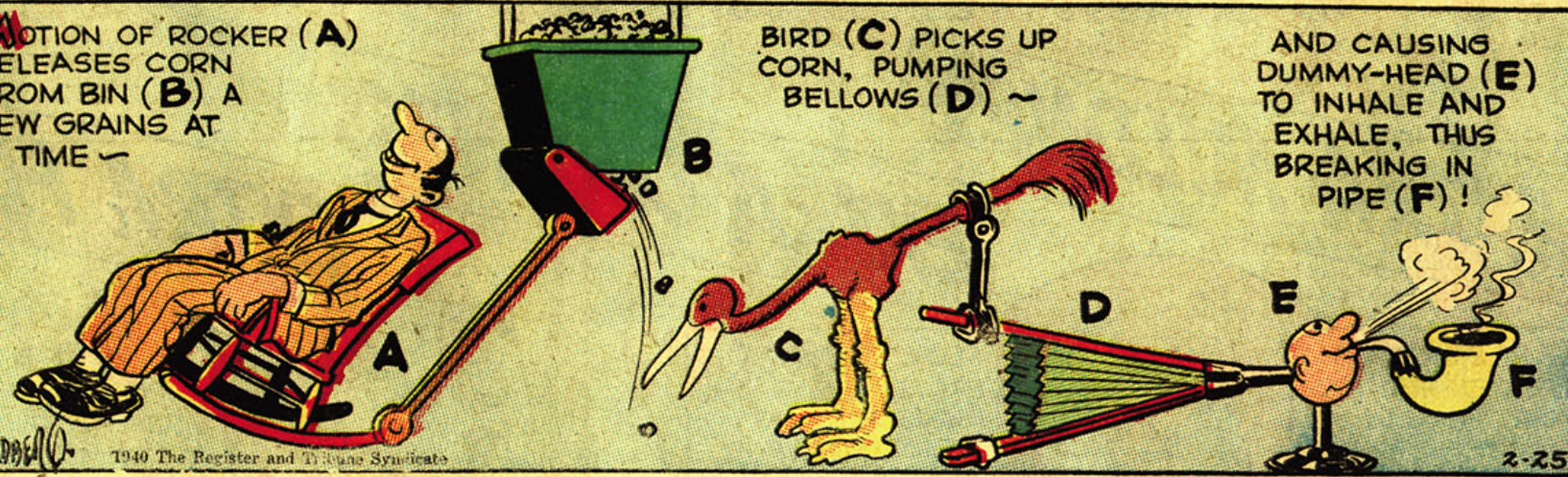
EASY WAY TO BREAK IN A NEW PIPE..


MOTION OF ROCKER (A) RELEASES CORN FROM BIN (B) A FEW GRAINS AT A TIME —
BIRD (C) PICKS UP CORN, PUMPING BELLOWS (D) —
AND CAUSING DUMMY-HEAD (E) TO INHALE AND EXHALE, THUS BREAKING IN PIPE (F)!
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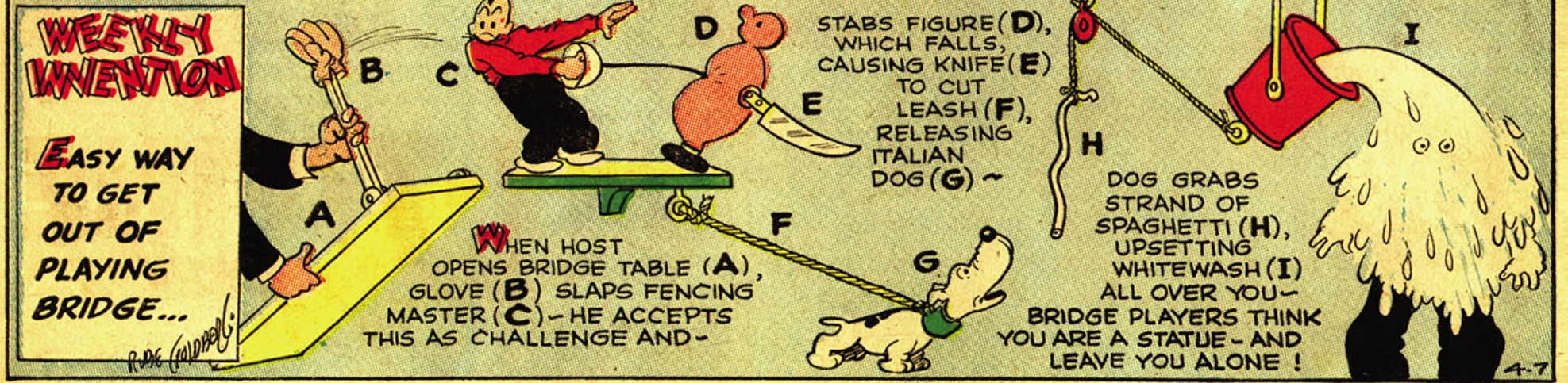
WEEKLY INVENTION
EASY WAY TO GET OUT OF PLAYING BRIDGE...
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WHEN HOST OPENS BRIDGE TABLE (A), GLOVE (B) SLAPS FENCING MASTER (C) - HE ACCEPTS THIS AS CHALLENGE AND -
STABS FIGURE (D), WHICH FALLS, CAUSING KNIFE (E) TO CUT LEASH (F), RELEASING ITALIAN DOG (G) -
DOG GRABS STRAND OF SPAGHETTI (H), UPSETTING WHITEWASH (I) ALL OVER YOU - BRIDGE PLAYERS THINK YOU ARE A STATUE - AND LEAVE YOU ALONE !
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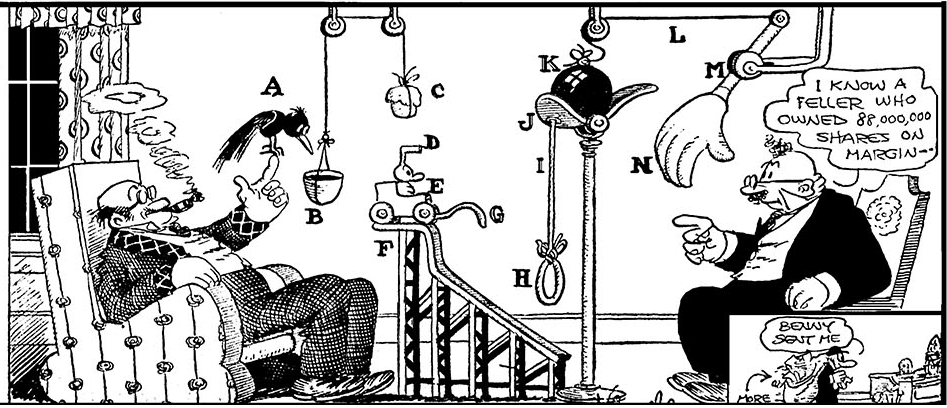
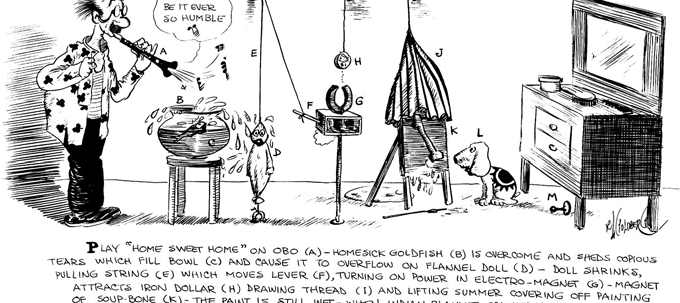
EASY WAY TO STOP A VISITOR FROM TALKING ABOUT THE STOCK MARKET — BIRD (A) EATS BIRDSEED FROM BOWL (B) — AS BOWL GETS LIGHTER, BISCUIT (C) FALLS AND PRESSES LEVER (D) CAUSING TOY CAR (E) TO START DOWN TOBOGGAN (F) — HOOK (G) CATCHES IN LOOP (H) CAUSING STRING (I) TO TILT LADLE (J) AND DROP CANNON-BALL (K) WITH SUDDEN JERK, TIGHTENING STRING (L) AND MOVING ARM (M) SO THAT SOUND PROOF RUBBER HAND (N) SLAPS TIGHTLY ACROSS MOUTH AND STAYS THERE.

OF COURSE, A SIMPLER WAY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS RESULT WOULD BE NOT TO LET THE VISITOR IN WHEN HE CALLS.

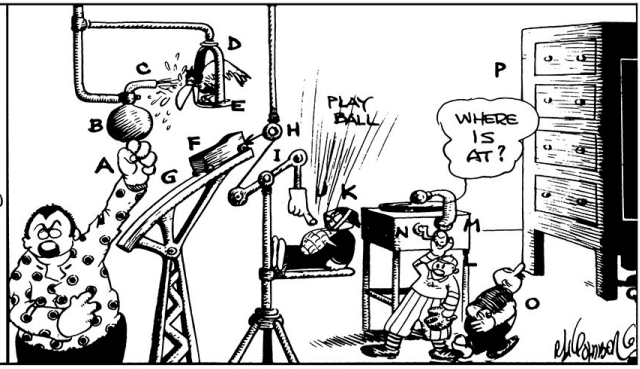




PLAY "HOME SWEET HOME" ON OBO (A) - HOMESICK GOLDFISH (B) IS OVERCOME AND SHEDS COPIOUS TEARS WHICH FILL BOWL (C) AND CAUSE IT TO OVERFLOW ON FLANNEL DOLL (D) - DOLL SHRINKS, PULLING STRING (E) WHICH MOVES LEVER (F), TURNING ON POWER IN ELECTRO-MAGNET (G) - MAGNET ATTRACTS IRON DOLLAR (H) DRAWING THREAD (I) AND LIFTING SUMMER COVERING OFF PAINTING OF SOUP-BONE (K) - THE PAINT IS STILL WET - WHEN INDIAN-BLANKET SPANIEL LICKS BONE THE PAINT GIVES HIM A STOMACH-ACHE - SEEKING RELIEF, HE MISTAKES HEAD OF COLLAR-BUTTON (M) FOR A PILL - WHEN HIS TEETH STRIKES THE HARD BRASS OF THE COLLAR-BUTTON, HE GIVES A HOWL AND YOU IMMEDIATELY KNOW WHERE IT IS.

Find Your Lost Collar Button

WHEN YOU FIND YOU'VE LOST YOUR COLLAR BUTTON AGAIN, YOU WAVE ARMS IN ANGER - FIST (A) PRESSES BULB (B) AND SQUIRTS WATER (C) INTO EYE OF YIFFIK BIRD (D) - BIRD IS TEMPORARILY BLINDED & WALKS OFF PERCH (E), FALLING INTO CAR (F) OF SCENIC RAILWAY (G) - CAR DESCENDS, CAUSING CORD (H) TO TILT BAR (I) - WOODEN FINGER (J) PRESSES REFEREE DOLL (K) MAKING IT SAY "PLAY BALL" - PITCHER (L) OF MIDGET GIANTS GRABS BALL (M) WHICH IS ATTACHED TO HANDLE OF PHONOGRAPH (N) AND WINDS UP - PHONOGRAPH RECORD ASKS, "WHERE IS AT?" - PHILOSOPHER FATHER (O) OF PITCHER, WHO IS EVEN SMALLER THAN HIS SON, IS PUZZLED OVER QUESTION AND WALKS AROUND TRYING TO FIGURE IT OUT - HE IS SO ABSORBED IN PROBLEM, HE WALKS UNDER BUREAU (P) AND BUMPS INTO COLLAR BUTTON (Q), YELLING "OUCH" AND SHOWING YOU WHERE COLLAR BUTTON IS.



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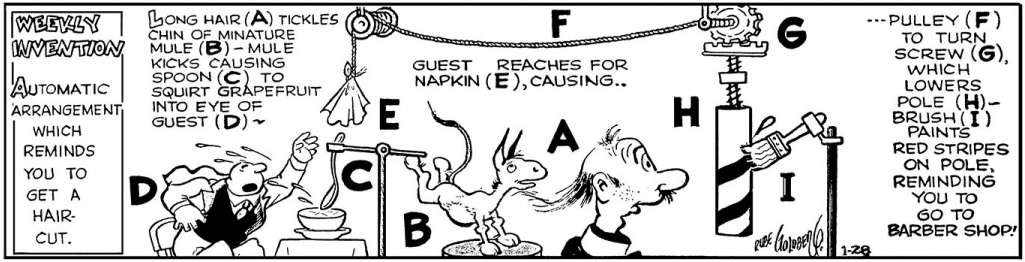
WEEKLY INVENTION
AUTOMATIC ARRANGEMENT WHICH REMINDS YOU TO GET A HAIR-CUT.
LONG HAIR (A) TICKLES CHIN OF MINATURE MULE (B) – MULE KICKS CAUSING SPOON (C) TO SQUIRT GRAPEFRUIT INTO EYE OF GUEST (D) ~
GUEST REACHES FOR NAPKIN (E), CAUSING..
---PULLEY (F) TO TURN SCREW (G), WHICH LOWERS POLE (H) – BRUSH (I) PAINTS RED STRIPES ON POLE, REMINDING YOU TO GO TO BARBER SHOP!
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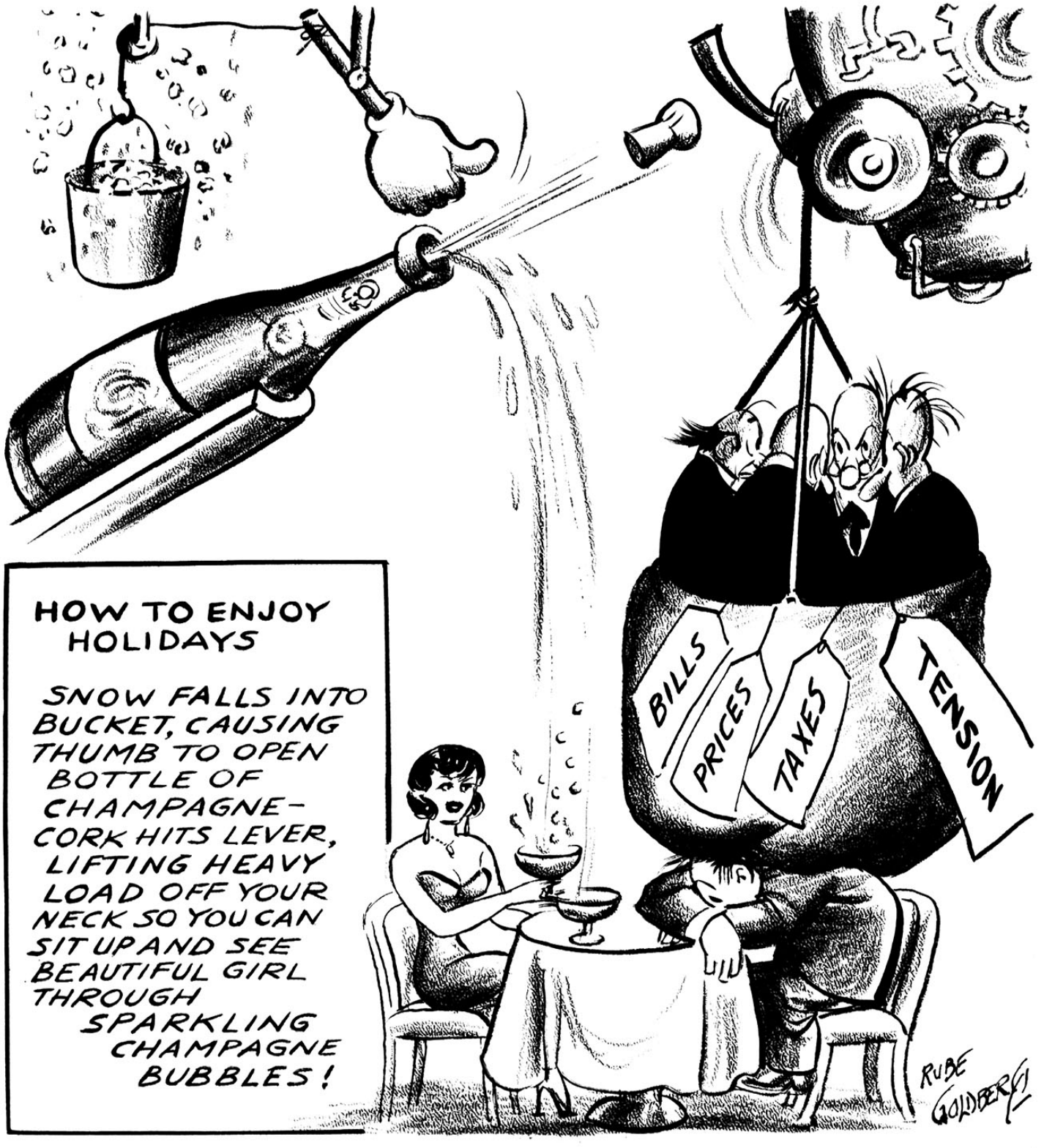
HAPPINESS MACHINE—


HOW TO ENJOY HOLIDAYS
SNOW FALLS INTO BUCKET, CAUSING THUMB TO OPEN BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE— CORK HITS LEVER, LIFTING HEAVY LOAD OFF YOUR NECK SO YOU CAN SIT UP AND SEE BEAUTIFUL GIRL THROUGH SPARKLING CHAMPAGNE BUBBLES!
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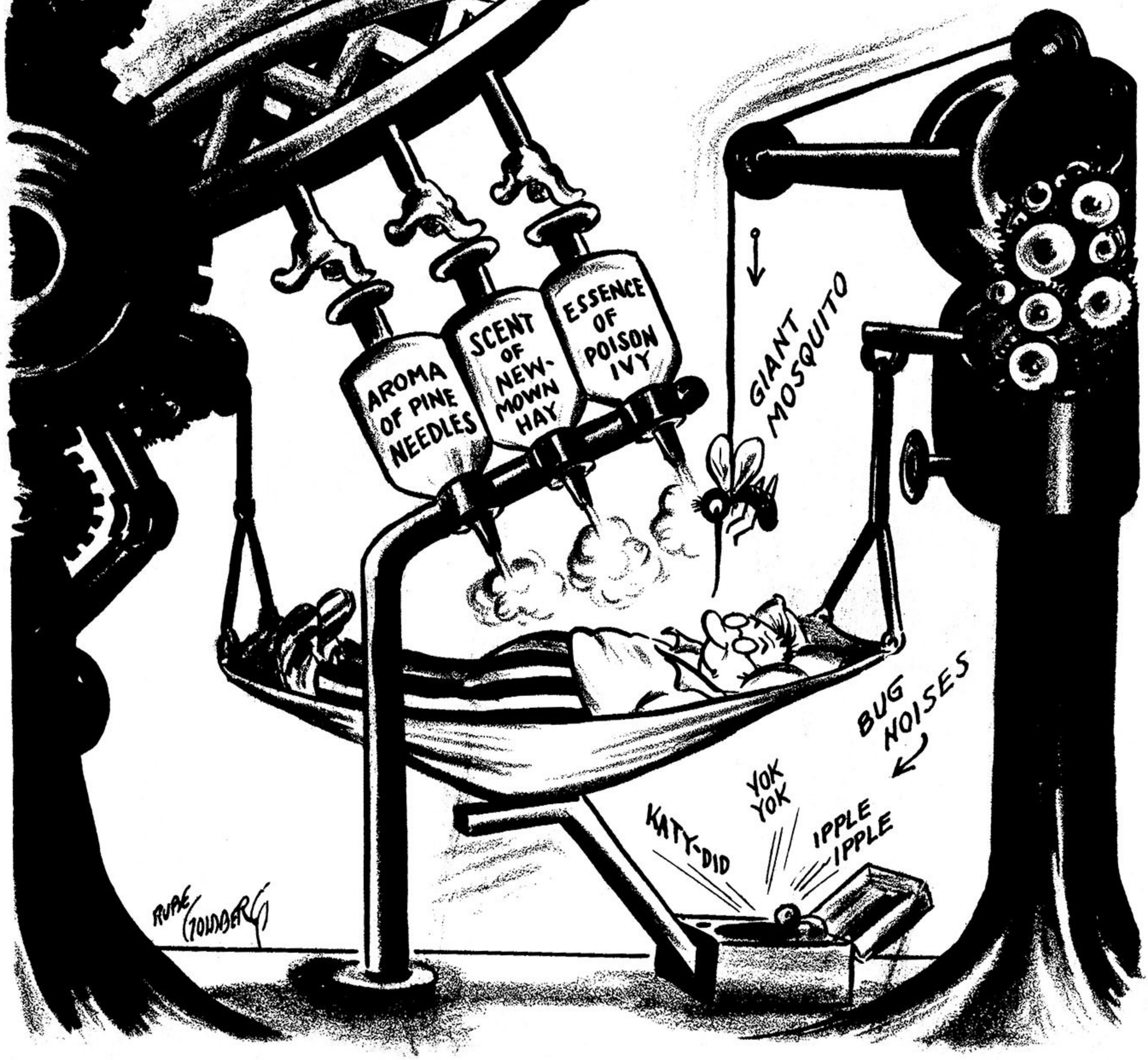
POST-WAR WORLD NO. 56 -

HOME-VACATION MACHINE GIVES YOU ALL THE THRILLS OF TWO WEEKS IN THE COUNTRY - YOUR WEIGHT IN THE HAMMOCK STARTS EVERYTHING.



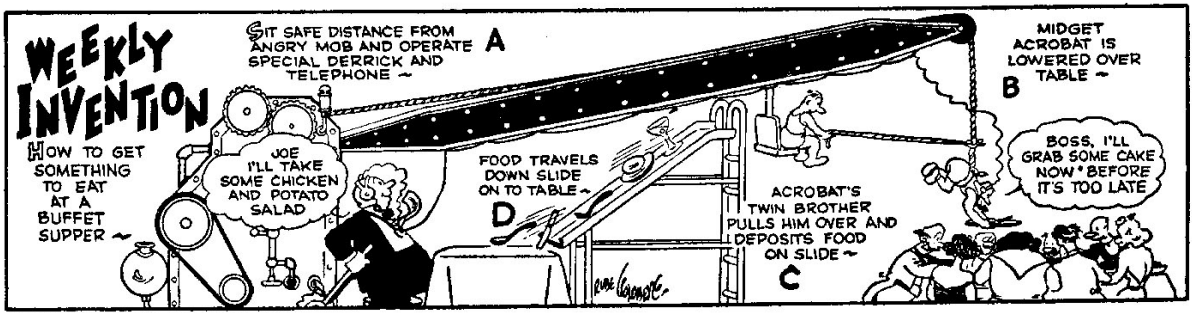
Rube Goldberg Views the News for His Latest Invention

CANARIES (**A**) ACCOMPANY **BOOKIE HARRY GROSS** AS HE SINGS EVIDENCE AGAINST NEW YORK COPS, AND CRIME-BUSTER **KEFAUVER** (**B**) TURNS HEAD TO LISTEN—

COONSKIN TAIL (**C**) TICKLES **JOHNNY RAY** (**D**) IN NECK AND HE LAUGHS FOR FIRST TIME IN HIS LIFE—

BROKEN-HEARTED PRESIDENT OF **JOHNNY RAY FAN CLUB** (**E**) RIPS HIS PICTURE FROM WALL, SHOOTING WATER PISTOL (**F**)—

WATER SHRINKS SHIRT (G), TIPPING PLATE (H) AND PIE (I) FALLS IN MOUTH OF DOG (J)— DON'T WORRY ABOUT DOG AS DOGS HAVE GOOD DIGESTIONS.


WEEKLY INVENTION
HOW TO GET SOMETHING TO EAT AT A BUFFET SUPPER ~
SIT SAFE DISTANCE FROM ANGRY MOB AND OPERATE SPECIAL DERRICK AND TELEPHONE ~
A
JOE I'LL TAKE SOME CHICKEN AND POTATO SALAD
FOOD TRAVELS DOWN SLIDE ON TO TABLE ~
D
ACROBAT'S TWIN BROTHER PULLS HIM OVER AND DEPOSITS FOOD ON SLIDE ~
C
MIDGET ACROBAT IS LOWERED OVER TABLE ~
B
BOSS, I'LL GRAB SOME CAKE NOW * BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

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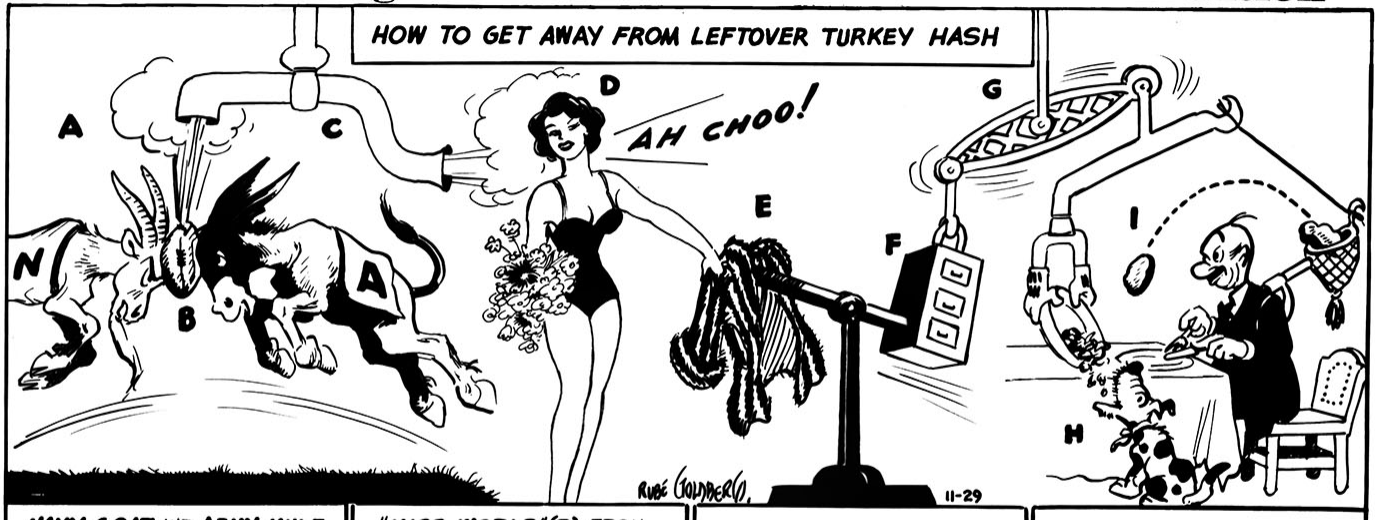


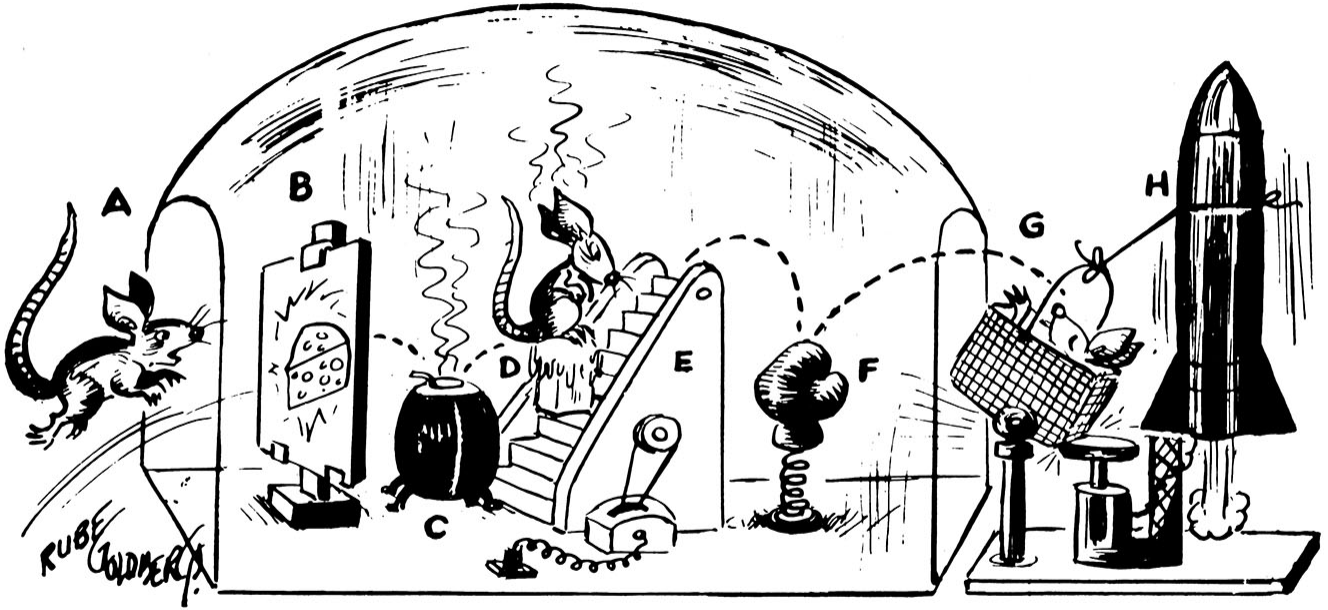
NAVY GOAT AND **ARMY MULE** (A) MEET HEAD ON IN PHILADELPHIA, CRUSHING FOOTBALL (B) AND SENDING GUST OF AIR THROUGH PIPE (C) —

"**MISS WORLD**" (D) FROM SWEDEN CATCHES COLD AND REACHES FOR FUR COAT (E), LOWERING **EISENHOWER'S CABINET** (F) —

THIS LIFTS END OF WALKING BEAM (G), DUMPING **TURKEY HASH** INTO PET DOG'S MOUTH (H) —

HAMBURGER (I) **IS FLIPPED NEATLY ON TO PLATE AS SUBSTITUTE.**

How to Get Rid of a Mouse



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The best mousetrap by Rube Goldberg: Mouse (A) dives for painting of cheese (B), goes through canvas and lands on hot stove (C). He jumps on cake of ice (D) to cool off. Moving escalator (E) drops him on boxing glove (F) which knocks him into basket (G) setting off miniature rocket (H) which takes him to the moon.

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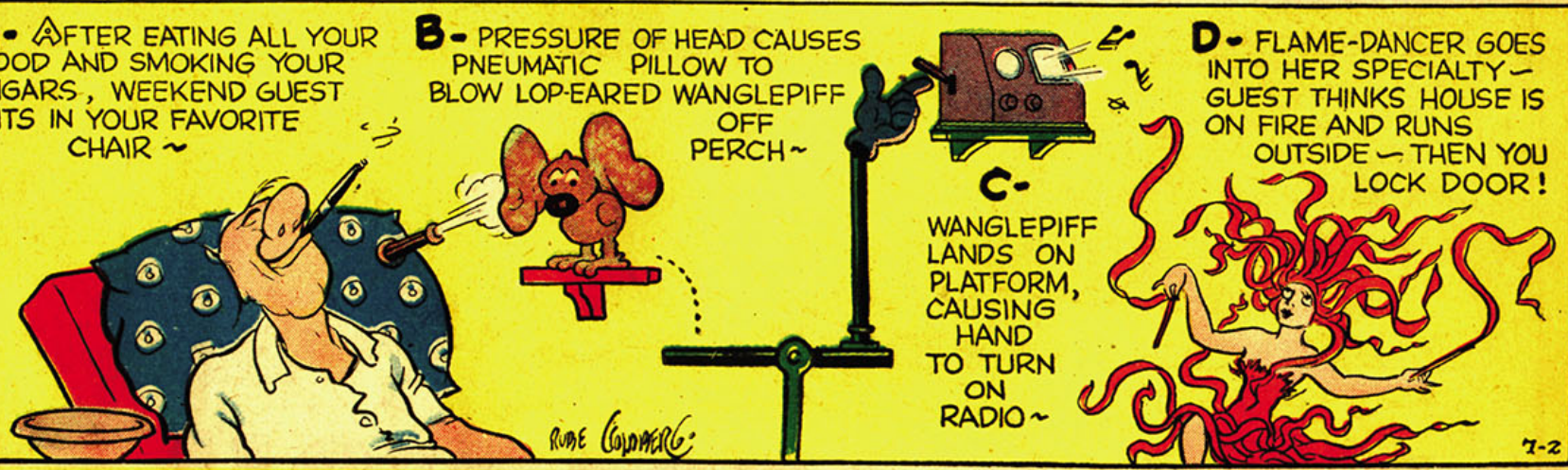
HOW TO GET RID OF A WEEKEND GUEST


A- AFTER EATING ALL YOUR FOOD AND SMOKING YOUR CIGARS, WEEKEND GUEST SITS IN YOUR FAVORITE CHAIR ~
B- PRESSURE OF HEAD CAUSES PNEUMATIC PILLOW TO BLOW LOP-EARED WANGLEPIFF OFF PERCH ~
C- WANGLEPIFF LANDS ON PLATFORM, CAUSING HAND TO TURN ON RADIO ~
D- FLAME-DANCER GOES INTO HER SPECIALTY — GUEST THINKS HOUSE IS ON FIRE AND RUNS OUTSIDE — THEN YOU LOCK DOOR!
RUBE GOLDBERG
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WEEKLY INVENTION

HOW TO GET SAND OUT OF YOUR SHOES ~

AS YOU WALK ON BEACH, SMALL SHOVEL (A) TOSSES CRAB (B) INTO BUCKET (C) ~ WEIGHT OF CRAB LOWERS BUCKET, CAUSING SERIES OF RODS (D) TO PUMP BELLOWS (E), BLOWING SAND OUT OF SHOE THROUGH EXHAUST PIPE (F) !

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WEEKLY INVENTION

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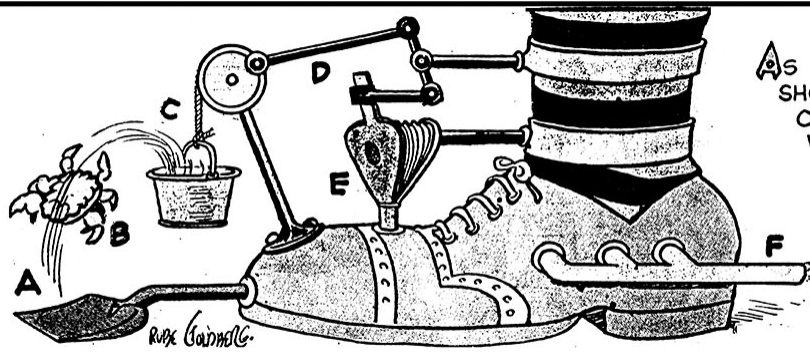

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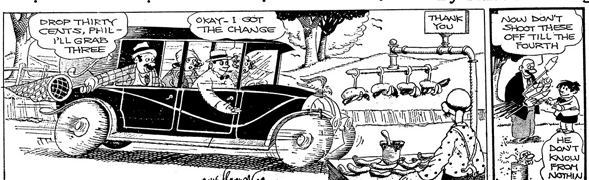
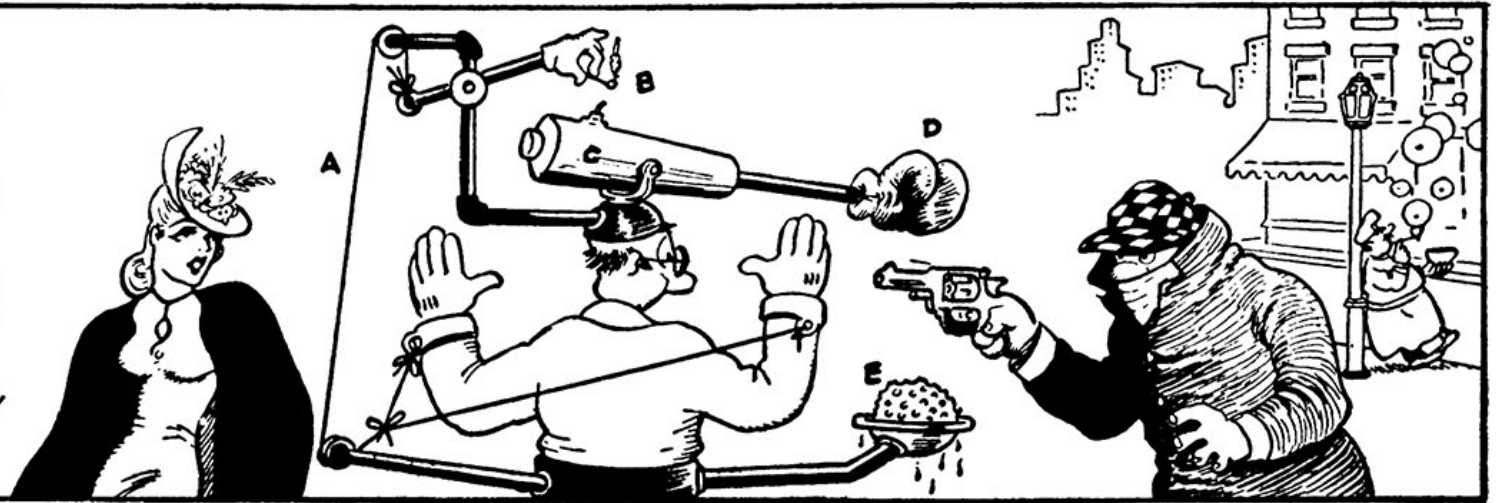

DROP THIRTY CENTS, PHIL - I'LL GRAB THREE
OKAY - I GOT THE CHANGE
THANK YOU
NOW DON'T SHOOT THESE OFF TILL THE FOURTH
HE DON'T KNOW FROM NOTHIN

WEEKLY INVENTION

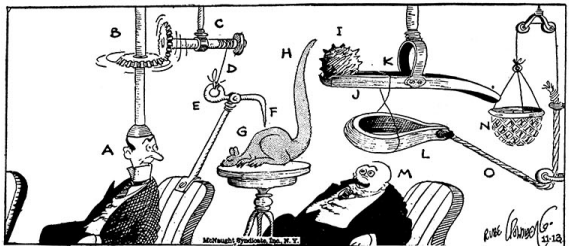
HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST A HOLDUP MAN... WHEN YOU LIFT YOUR HANDS STRING (A) LOWERS MATCH (E WHICH SETS OFF HARPOON GUN (C) FIRING BOXING GLOVE (D) AT HOLDUP MAN'S JAW IF HE IS ALERT ENOUGH TO DUCK HE WILL STICK HIS FACE INTO ETHER-SOAKED SPONGE (E) AND FALL GENTLY TO THE SIDEWALK



THAT'S LIFE

By Rube Goldberg

PROFESSOR LUCIFER GORGONZOLA BUTTS A.K. INVENTS A SIMPLE WAY TO QUIET A PERSON WHO TALKS AT THE MOVIES- AT SOUND OF VOICE BEHIND HIM, INDIGNANT MAN TURNS HEAD (A) CAUSING COG-WHEELS (B) TO TURN BAR (C) - STRING (D) PULLS HOOK (E), LOWERING POINT (F) INTO BACK OF SLEEPING KANGAROO (G). HE SNAPS TAIL (H), STARTING BALL (I) DOWN INCLINE (J) - BALL SNAPS CORD (K), ALLOWING HORSE-COLLAR (L) TO DROP OVER HEAD OF OFFENDER (M) - BALL DROPS INTO BASKET (N), CAUSING ROPE (O) TO PULL HORSE-COLLAR TIGHTLY AGAINST MOUTH OF DISTURBER SO HE CAN'T UTTER A SOUND!



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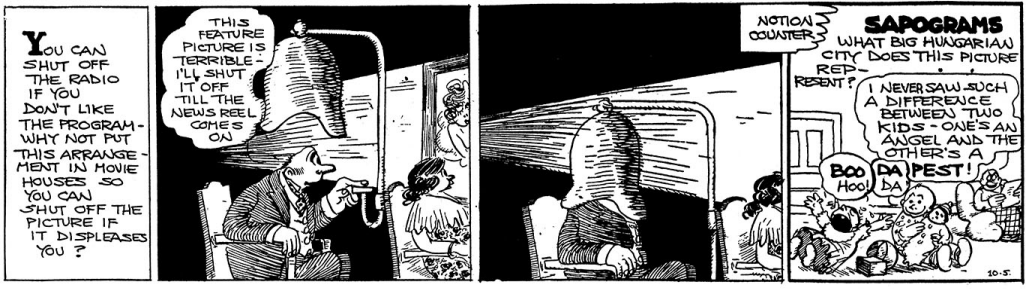
YOU CAN SHUT OFF THE RADIO IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE PROGRAM - WHY NOT PUT THIS ARRANGEMENT IN MOVIE HOUSES SO YOU CAN SHUT OFF THE PICTURE IF IT DISPLEASES YOU ?
THIS FEATURE PICTURE IS TERRIBLE - I'LL SHUT IT OFF TILL THE NEWS REEL COMES ON
NOTION COUNTER
SAPOGRAMS
WHAT BIG HUNGARIAN CITY DOES THIS PICTURE REPRESENT ?
I NEVER SAW SUCH A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TWO KIDS - ONE'S AN ANGEL AND THE OTHER'S A PEST !
BOO HOO!
DA DA
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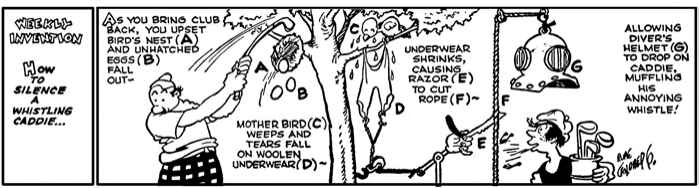
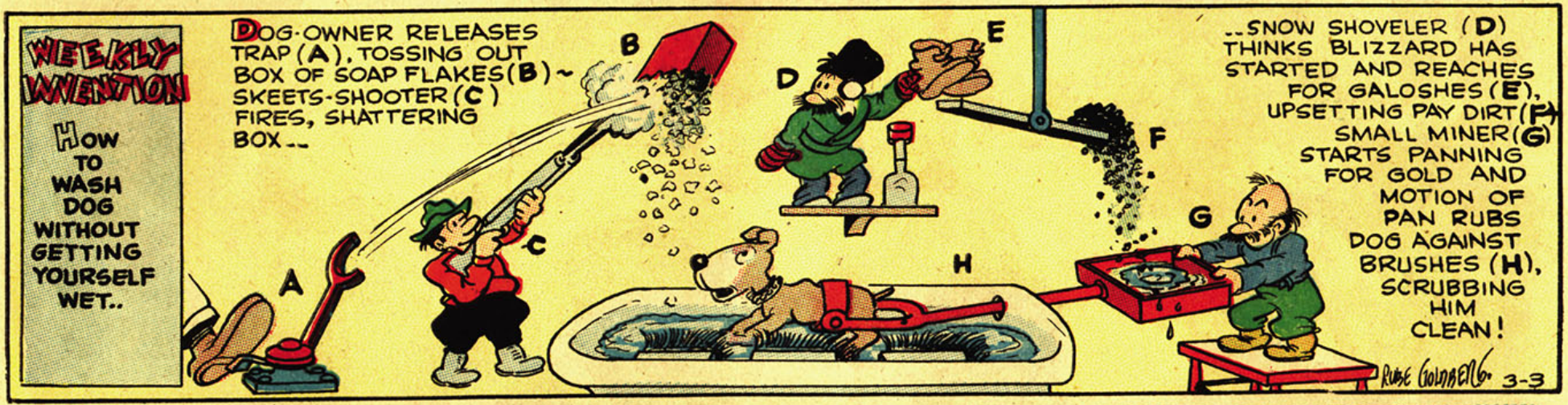

WEEKLY-INVENTION
HOW TO SILENCE A WHISTLING CADDIE...
AS YOU BRING CLUB BACK, YOU UPSET BIRD'S NEST (A) AND UNHATCHED EGGS (B) FALL OUT~
A
B
MOTHER BIRD (C) WEEPS AND TEARS FALL ON WOOLEN UNDERWEAR (D)~
C
D
UNDERWEAR SHRINKS, CAUSING RAZOR (E) TO CUT ROPE (F)~
E
F
G
ALLOWING DIVER'S HELMET (G) TO DROP ON CADDIE, MUFFLING HIS ANNOYING WHISTLE!
BY CRUMB

How to Turn Off Radio After You Fall Asleep -:- -:- -:- *By Goldberg*

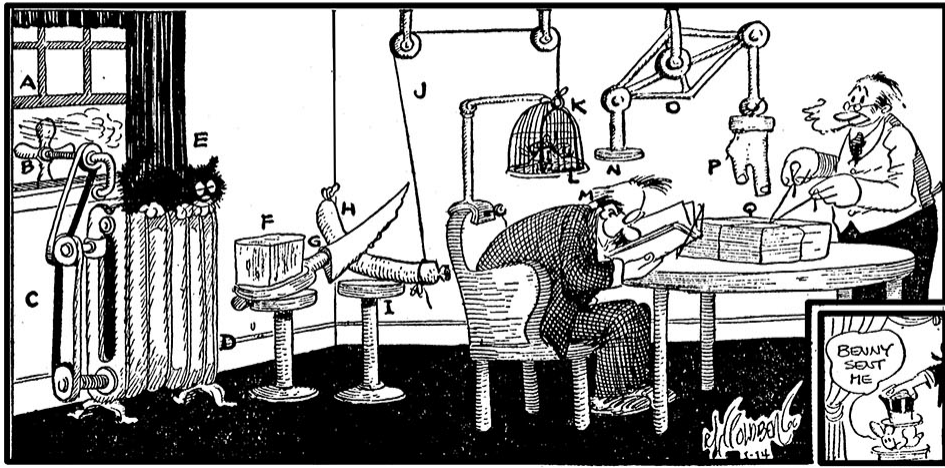
$NORING (A) STARTS PIN-WHEEL (B) WHICH TURNS COG-WHEEL (C) AND CAUSES WIRE BRUSH (D) TO SINE DWARF (E) A SCALP MASSAGE. HE FEELS SO GOOD HE REQUESTS HIS COUSIN (F) TO PLAY THE LIVELY "OVERTURE FROM WILLIAM TELL" ON THE XYLOPHONE - (N) HEARING THE FAMILIAR MUSIC, TWO OTHER DWARF COUSINS (G AND H) ENACT THE FAMOUS "APPLE SCENE" FROM THE LIFE OF WILLIAM TELL, THE GREAT SWISS PATRIOT - APPLE (I) HITS LEVER (J), CAUSING STRING (K) TO TIP POT OF MOLTEN LEAD (L) - LEAD RUNS INTO SHOE (M) WHICH STEPS ON ARM (N) PUSHING SWITCH (O) AND TURNING OFF RADIO, SO THAT SNORING CAN GO ON WITHOUT ANY VOCAL COMPETITION.


WEEKLY WHENTION
HOW TO WASH DOG WITHOUT GETTING YOURSELF WET..
DOG-OWNER RELEASES TRAP (A), TOSSING OUT BOX OF SOAP FLAKES (B) ~ SKEETS-SHOOTER (C) FIRES, SHATTERING BOX --
A
B
C
D
E
F
G
H
--SNOW SHOVELER (D) THINKS BLIZZARD HAS STARTED AND REACHES FOR GALOSHES (E), UPSETTING PAY DIRT (F) SMALL MINER (G) STARTS PANNING FOR GOLD AND MOTION OF PAN RUBS DOG AGAINST BRUSHES (H), SCRUBBING HIM CLEAN!
RUBE GOLDBERG 3-3

Wrap A Package for Mailing

WINTRY WIND (A) TURNS PINWHEEL (B) WHICH REVOLVES PULLEYS (C) AND TURNS ON HEAT IN RADIATOR (D) - CAT (E) IS SCALDED AND JUMPS ON CAKE OF ICE (F) WHICH CAUSES KNIFE (G) TO CUT BOLOGNA (H) IN HALF - PIECE OF BOLOGNA FALLS OFF PLATFORM (I), CAUSING STRING (J) TO OPEN CAGE (K) AND LET OUT MOSQUITO (L) WHICH BITES UNCLE RUFUS IN NECK (M) - HE LIFTS HEAD IN PAIN AND HITS DISC (N) WHICH CAUSES WALKING-BEAM (O) TO MOVE AND PRESS FINGER ON WOODEN HAND (P) AGAINST KNOT (Q) ALLOWING YOU TO TIE STRING TIGHTLY.

DON'T WASTE TOO MUCH TIME ON THIS BECAUSE NO MATTER WHERE OR HOW YOU SEND THE PACKAGE IT WILL BE SMASHED WHEN IT GETS THERE, ANYWAY.

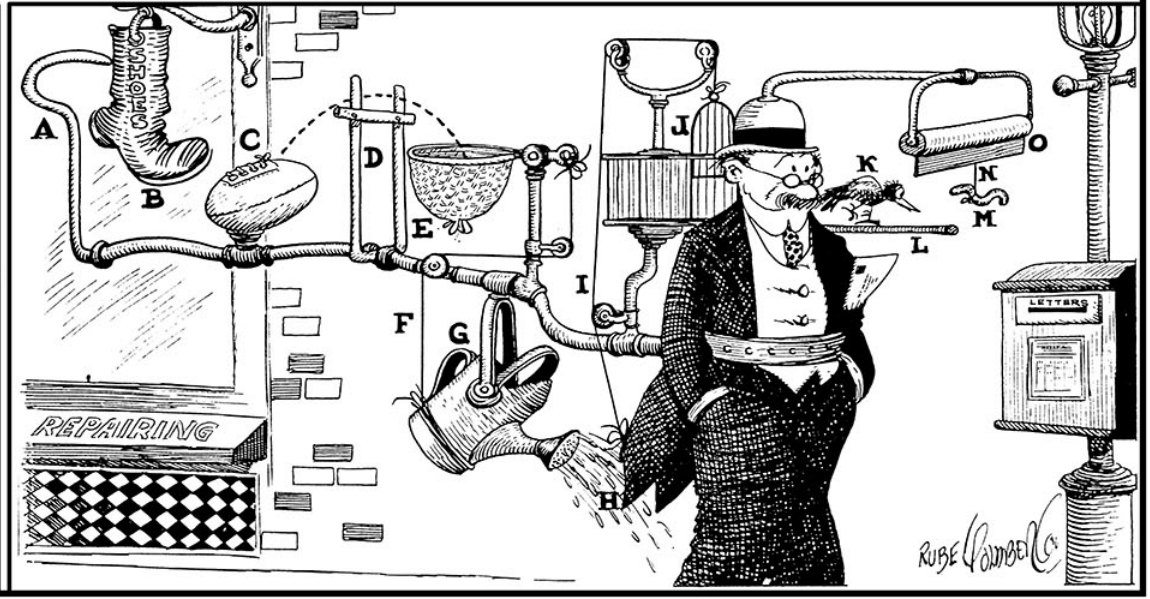


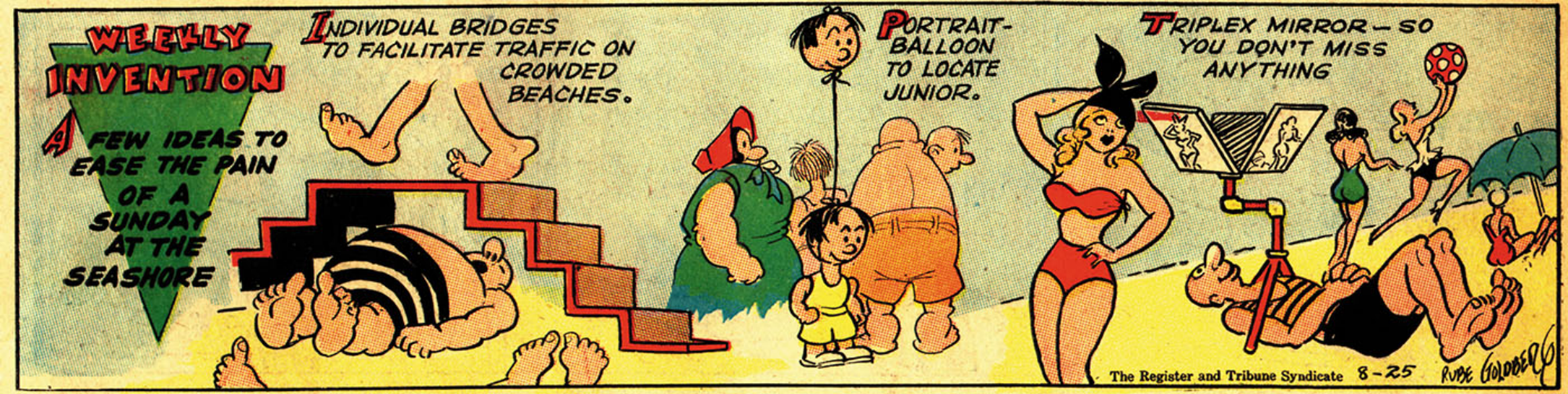
Simple Idea to Keep You From Forgetting To Mail Your Wife's Letter

By Rube Goldberg

PROFESSOR BUTTS GETS CAUGHT IN A REVOLVING DOOR AND BECOMES DIZZY ENOUGH TO DOPE OUT AN IDEA TO KEEP YOU FROM FORGETTING TO MAIL YOUR WIFE'S LETTER.

AS YOU WALK PAST COBBLER SHOP, HOOK(A) STRIKES SUSPENDED BOOT(B) CAUSING IT TO KICK FOOTBALL(C) THROUGH GOAL POSTS(D). FOOTBALL DROPS INTO BASKET(E) AND STRING (F) TILTS SPRINKLING CAN(G) CAUSING WATER TO SOAK COAT TAILS(H). AS COAT SHRINKS CORD(I) OPENS DOOR(J) OF CAGE ALLOWING BIRD(K) TO WALK OUT ON PERCH(L) AND GRAB WORM(M) WHICH IS ATTACHED TO STRING(N). THIS PULLS DOWN WINDOW SHADE(O) ON WHICH IS WRITTEN "**YOU SAP, MAIL THAT LETTER**". A SIMPLE WAY TO AVOID ALL THIS TROUBLE IS TO MARRY A WIFE WHO CAN'T WRITE.

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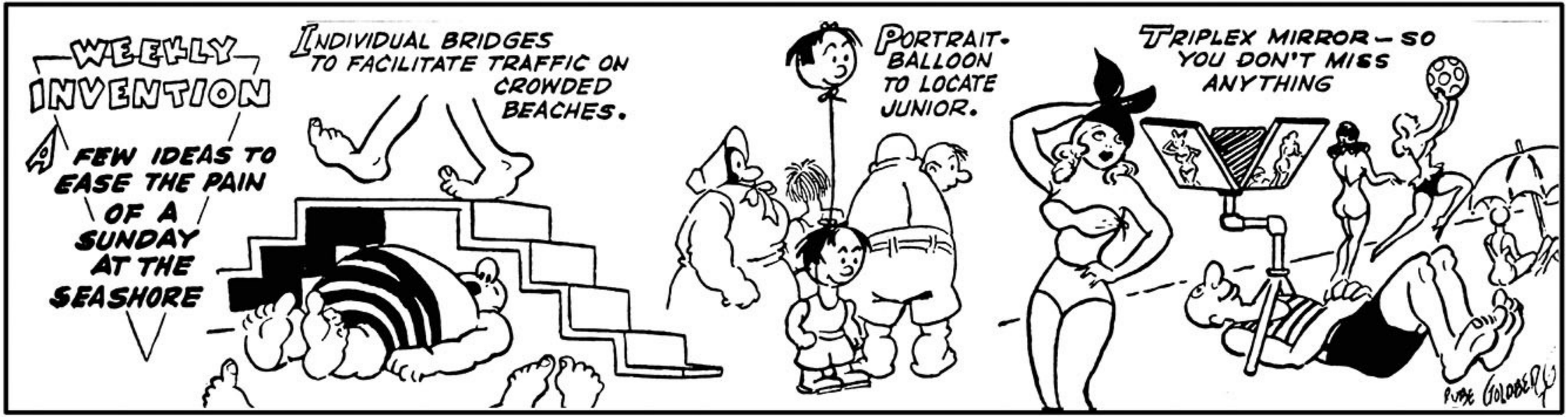
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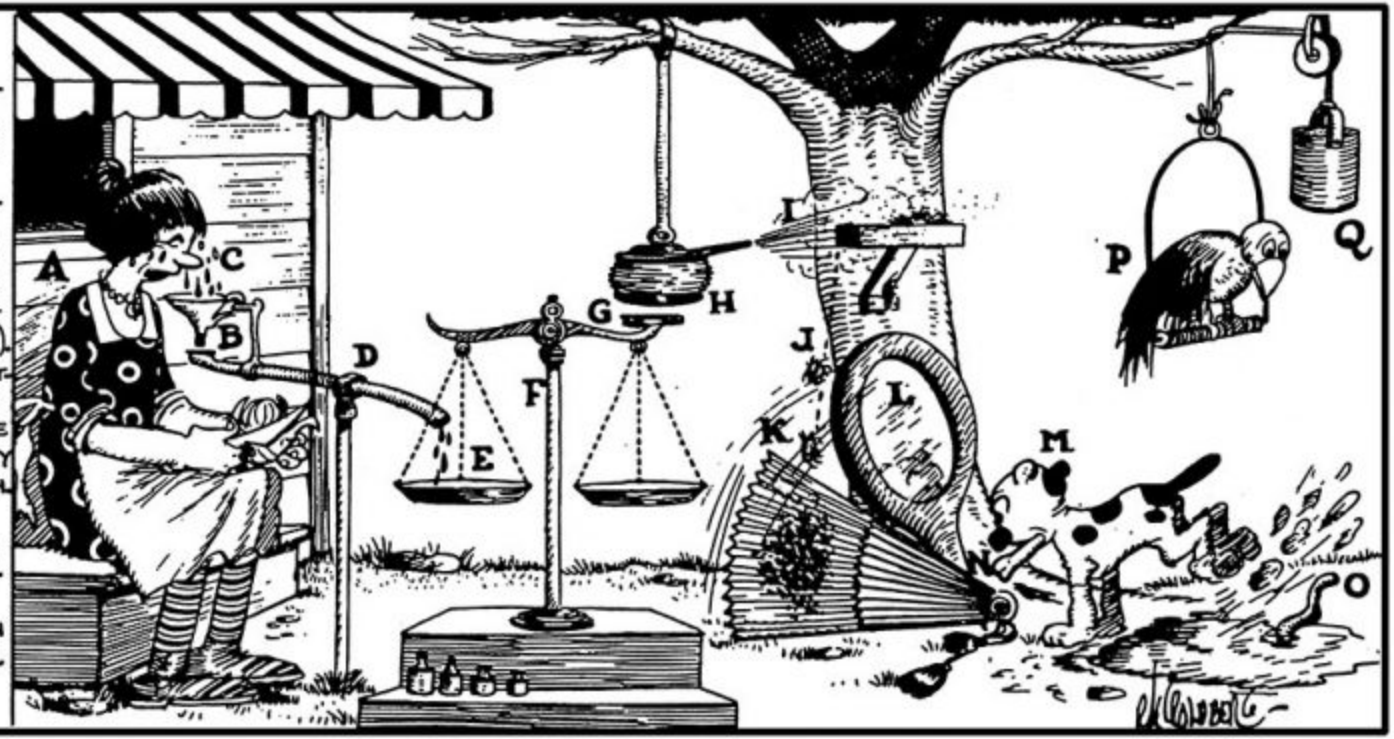
Invention for Digging Up Bait for Fishing

A BARBER PUTS A SCALDING TOWEL ON PROFESSOR BUTTS'S FACE AND WHILE HE IS SCREAMING WITH PAIN HE THINKS UP AN INVENTION FOR DIGGING UP BAIT FOR FISHING. THE MAID(A) PEELS AN ONION AND CRIES INTO FUNNEL(B). TEARS(C) RUN THROUGH PIPE(D) AND DRIP INTO PAN(E) OF JEWELER'S SCALE(F), CAUSING END OF BAR(G) TO PRESS AGAINST SMALL BELLOWS(H), WHICH BLOWS INSECT POWDER(I) ON SHELF AND KNOCKS OFF ROACHES(J). ROACHES FALL ON EDGE OF ANTIQUE FAN(K), CAUSING IT TO CLOSE AND EXPOSE SURFACE OF MIRROR(L). SELFISH PALOOKA HOUND(M) SEES HIS REFLECTION IN MIRROR AND, THINKING IT IS ANOTHER DOG, HASTENS TO BURY BONE(N). AS HE DIGS, HE UNCOVERS WORM(O) WHICH IS SEEN IMMEDIATELY BY EARLY BIRD(P) WHO DIVES FOR IT OFF PERCH. WEIGHT(Q) DROPS ON HEAD OF BIRD AND KNOCKS HIM COLD JUST AS HE PULLS WORM FAR ENOUGH OUT OF GROUND FOR FISHERMAN TO GRAB IT EASILY.

WHEN THE EARLY BIRD WAKES UP YOU CAN LET HIM EAT THE ONION JUST SO HE WILL NOT BE GETTING TOO RAW A DEAL.



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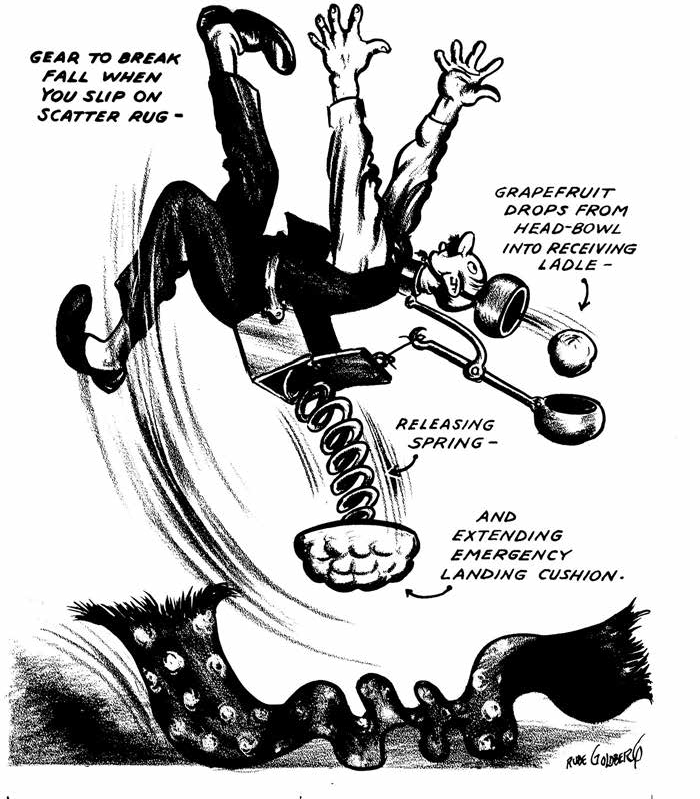
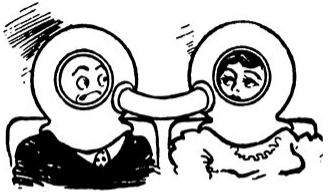

GEAR TO BREAK FALL WHEN YOU SLIP ON SCATTER RUG -
GRAPEFRUIT DROPS FROM HEAD-BOWL INTO RECEIVING LADLE -
RELEASING SPRING -
AND EXTENDING EMERGENCY LANDING CUSHION.
RUBE GOLDBERG

WEEKLY INVENTION

LATEST CONVENIENCES FOR MOVIE-GOERS

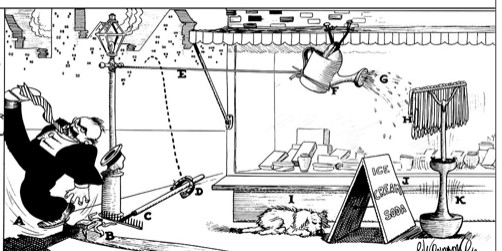
ELBOW-SPIKES—TO KEEP YOUR NEIGHBORS FROM HOGGING THE ARM RESTS.

SPECIAL KNEE-LIFTER—DESIGNED TO ALLOW YOU TO WALK TO AN EMPTY SEAT WITHOUT GETTING BLACK AND BLUE.



SOUND-PROOF TWIN-DIVING HELMETS—TO CARRY ON CONVERSATION WITHOUT DISTURBING THOSE AROUND YOU.

Keep Shop Windows Clean



Professor Butts stands in front of an X-ray and sees an idea inside his head showing how to keep shop windows clean.

Passing man (A) slips on banana peel (B) causing him to fall on rake (C) as handle of rake rises it throws horseshoe (D) onto rope (E) which sags, thereby tilting sprinkling can (F), water (G) saturates mop (H), pickle terrier (I) thinks it is raining, gets up to run into house and upsets sign (J) throwing it against non-tipping cigar ash receiver (K) which causes it to swing back and forth and swish the mop against window pane, wiping it clean.

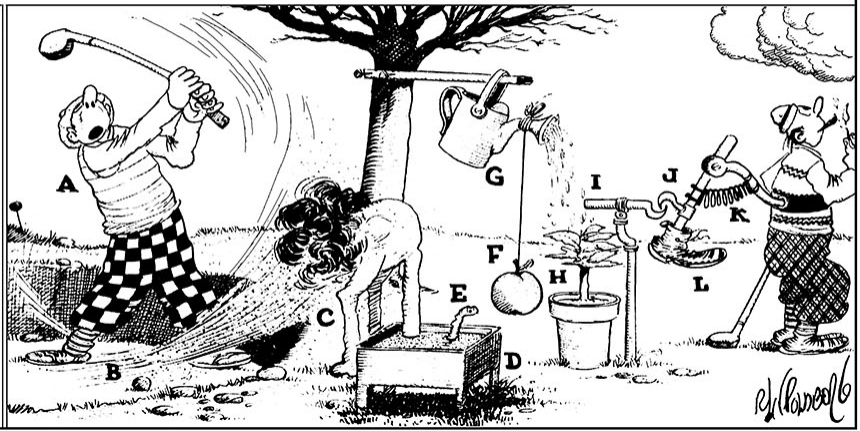
If man breaks his neck by fall move away before cop arrives.

Keep Your Golf Opponent From Cheating by Rube Goldberg

PROFESSOR BUTTS BUILDS HIMSELF A NEW COUNTRY HOME AND FORGETS TO PUT IN THE STAIRS. WHILE HE IS DROPPING INTO THE BASEMENT HE CONCEIVES AN IDEA TO KEEP YOUR GOLF OPPONENT FROM CHEATING.

AS OPPONENT (A) SWINGS CLUB AND MISSES BALL (B) HE FILLS AIR WITH SAND. OSTRICH (C) MISTAKES UPHEAVAL FOR SAND STORM AND BURIES HIS HEAD IN BOX (D), FRIGHTENING WORM (E) WHICH CRAWLS OUT AND ENTERS APPLE (F). ADDED WEIGHT OF APPLE CAUSES WATERING-CAN (G) TO TILT AND SPRAY PLANT (H) MAKING IT GROW AND PUSH AGAINST PADDLE (I). AS PADDLE RAISES, IT RELEASES HOOK (J) ALLOWING SPRING (K) TO FLY BACK, CAUSING SHOE (L) TO KICK YOU SHARPLY, INDICATING THAT YOUR OPPONENT HAS TAKEN A STROKE.

WHILE YOUR OPPONENT IS BUSY GETTING SAND OUT OF HIS EYES YOU WILL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO SET THE APPARATUS FOR HIS NEXT STROKE.

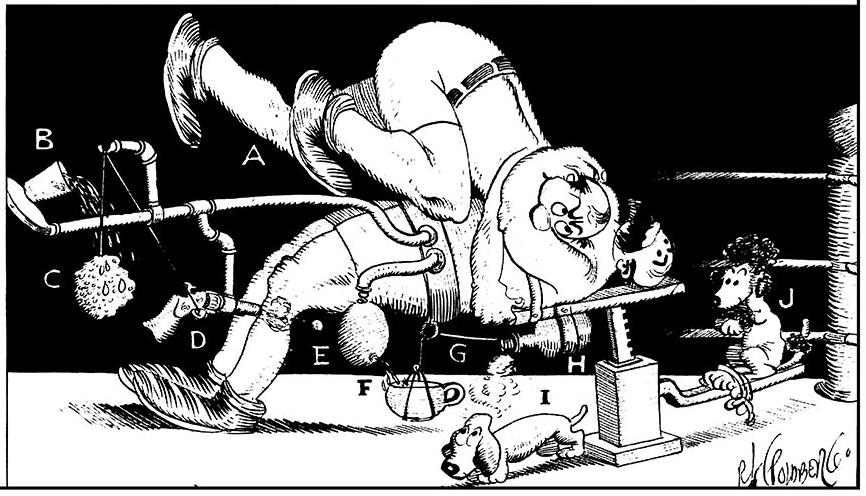


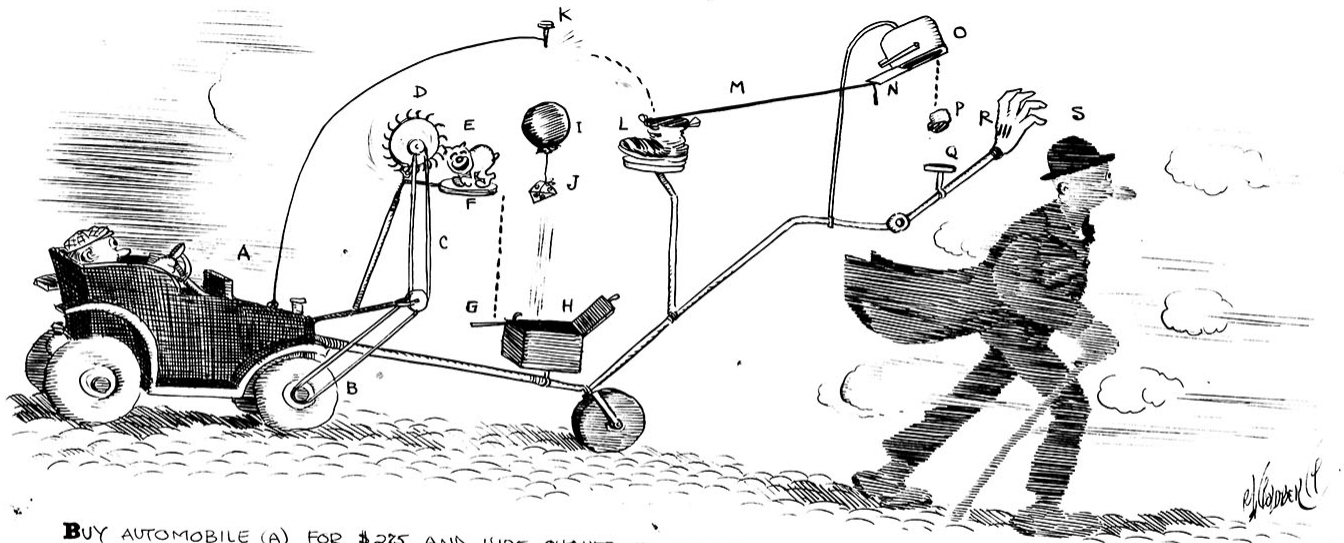
Keeping A Wrestler's Shoulders Off the Mat by Rube Goldberg

To show how young he feels, Professor Butts jumps over a fence without realizing that the Grand Canyon is on the other side. When he hits bottom he finds an idea for keeping a wrestler's shoulders off the mat.

As wrestler (A) pushes opponent towards mat he upsets glass of water (B) on sponge (C). Weight of water causes sponge to pull trigger of gun (D) which shoots bullet through cocoanut (E). Cocoanut milk runs into cup (F), weight in cup causes string (G) to pull cork out of bottle (H) letting fumes of ammonia escape. German dachshund (I) is overcome and falls over unconscious. French poodle (J), still carrying grudge from war, is overjoyed at fate of dachshund and jumps up and down for joy thereby jacking fallen wrestlers shoulders up off the mat.

Of course, a wrestler can avoid all this trouble by fixing the match beforehand and splitting the purse with the winner.





BUY AUTOMOBILE (A) FOR $275 AND HIRE CHAUFFEUR TO DRIVE IN BACK OF YOU ON WINDY DAY - MOTION OF BELT (B), ATTACHED TO FRONT WHEEL, IS COMMUNICATED TO BELT (C) WHICH TURNS TICKLER (D) - PICKLE-SPANIEL (E) LAUGHS UNTIL HE CHOKES AND FALLS OFF PLATFORM (F) HITTING CATCH (G) AND OPENING BOX (H) - BALLOON (I), WITH SUSPENDED PIECE OF CHEESE (J) RISES AND BURSTS ON PIN (K) - CHEESE DROPS INTO SHOE (L) - STRENGTH OF CHEESE CAUSES SHOE TO WALK AWAY PULLING SHOE-LACE (M) AND SLIDING COVER (N) OFF BOX (O) RELEASING TEN-POUND BISCUIT (P) - BISCUIT HITS SURFACE (Q) CAUSING ARM HOLDING IRON HAND (R) TO COME DOWN WITH A JOLT, AND HAND PRESSES HAT (S) ON HEAD SO TIGHT IT HAS TO BE BLASTED OFF WITH DYNAMITE UPON YOUR RETURN HOME.

AUTOMATIC FOOT FOR KICKING BALL OUT OF SAND-TRAP— IT WORKS WITH MOTION OF ARM WHILE TRYING TO LIGHT PIPE.

	ME
1	8
2	14
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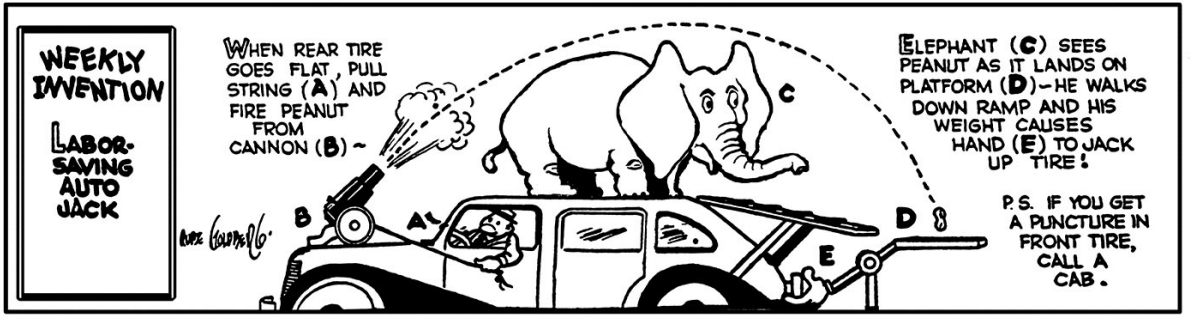
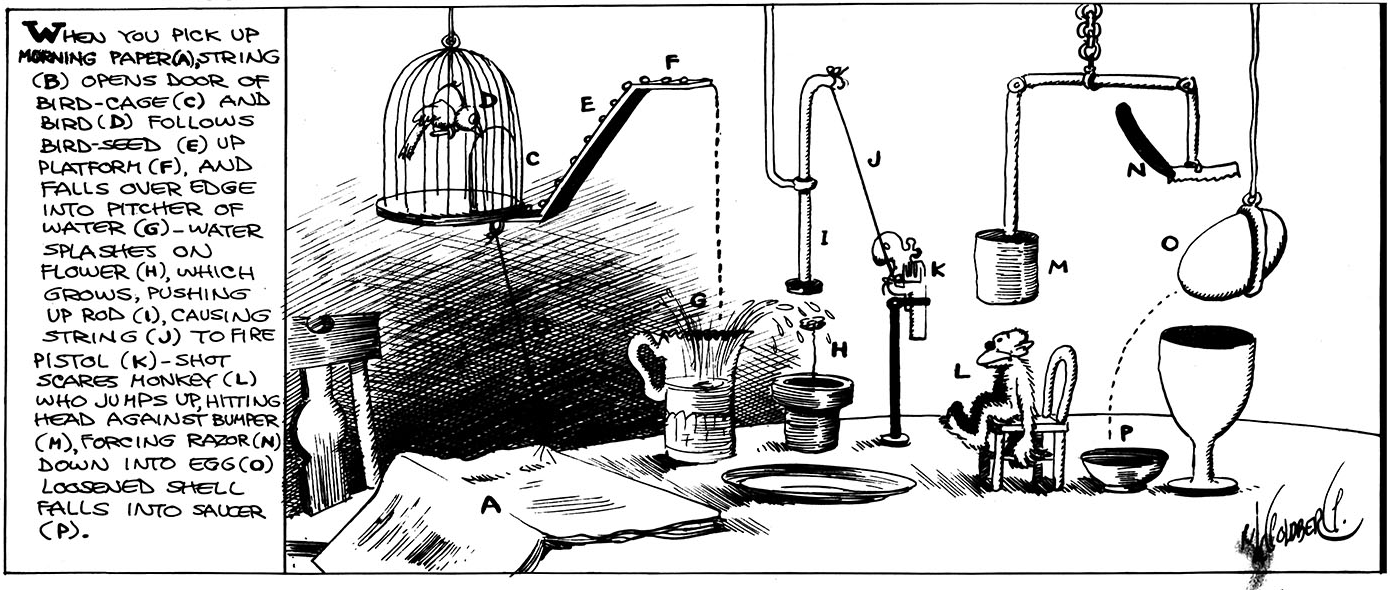
4	5
5	9
6	7
7	12
8	6
9	13

SODA-CRACKER SCORE CARD— IF YOU'RE AFRAID SOMEBODY WILL SEE YOUR SCORE, YOU CAN EAT IT!

GREEN TOUPE WHICH FALLS OFF YOUR HEAD INTO HOLE MADE BY DIVOT, KEEPING COURSE IN PERFECT SHAPE!


WEEKLY INVENTION
LABOR-SAVING AUTO JACK
WHEN REAR TIRE GOES FLAT, PULL STRING (A) AND FIRE PEANUT FROM CANNON (B) ~
RUBE GOLDBERG
B
A
C
D
E
ELEPHANT (C) SEES PEANUT AS IT LANDS ON PLATFORM (D) – HE WALKS DOWN RAMP AND HIS WEIGHT CAUSES HAND (E) TO JACK UP TIRE!
P.S. IF YOU GET A PUNCTURE IN FRONT TIRE, CALL A CAB.

Loosen an Egg from It's Shell


WHEN YOU PICK UP MORNING PAPER(A), STRING (B) OPENS DOOR OF BIRD-CAGE(C) AND BIRD(D) FOLLOWS BIRD-SEED (E) UP PLATFORM (F), AND FALLS OVER EDGE INTO PITCHER OF WATER (G) - WATER SPLASHES ON FLOWER (H), WHICH GROWS, PUSHING UP ROD (I), CAUSING STRING (J) TO FIRE PISTOL (K) - SHOT SCARES MONKEY (L) WHO JUMPS UP, HITTING HEAD AGAINST BUMPER (M), FORCING RAZOR (N) DOWN INTO EGG (O) LOOSENED SHELL FALLS INTO SAUCER (P).
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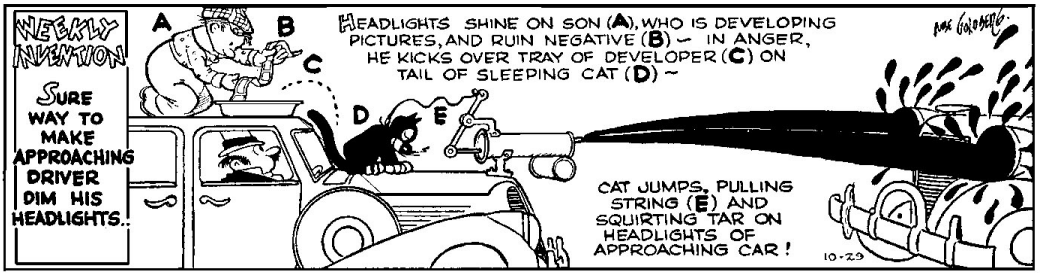
WEEKLY INVENTION
SURE WAY TO MAKE APPROACHING DRIVER DIM HIS HEADLIGHTS..
A
B
C
D
E
HEADLIGHTS SHINE ON SON (A), WHO IS DEVELOPING PICTURES, AND RUIN NEGATIVE (B) — IN ANGER, HE KICKS OVER TRAY OF DEVELOPER (C) ON TAIL OF SLEEPING CAT (D) —
CAT JUMPS, PULLING STRING (E) AND SQUIRTING TAR ON HEADLIGHTS OF APPROACHING CAR!
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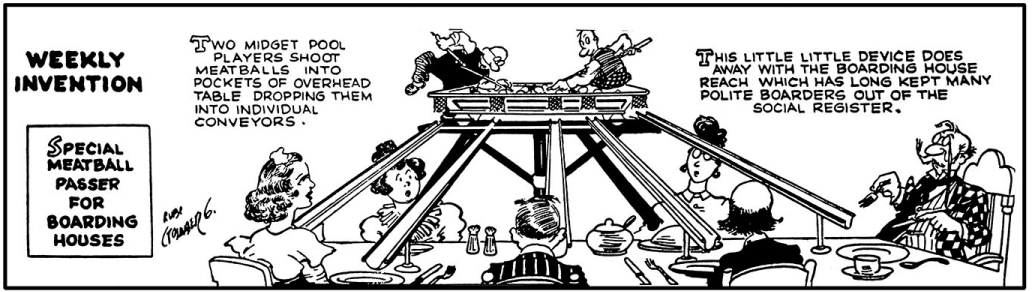
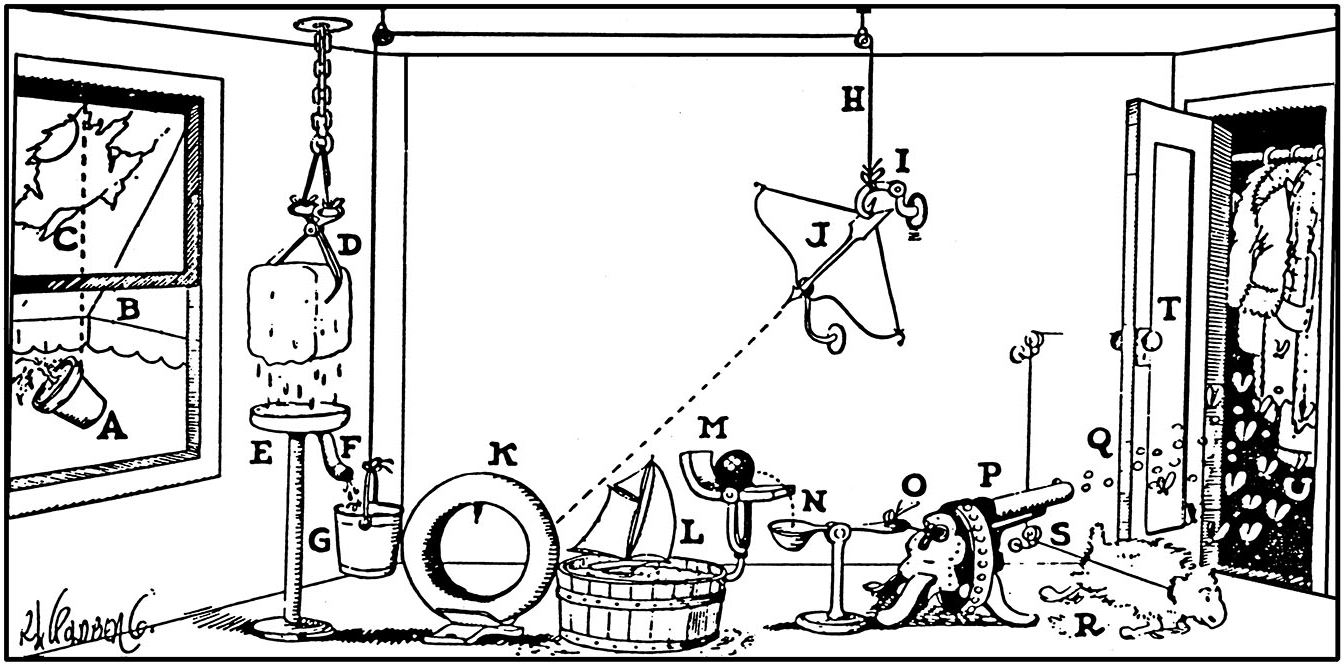
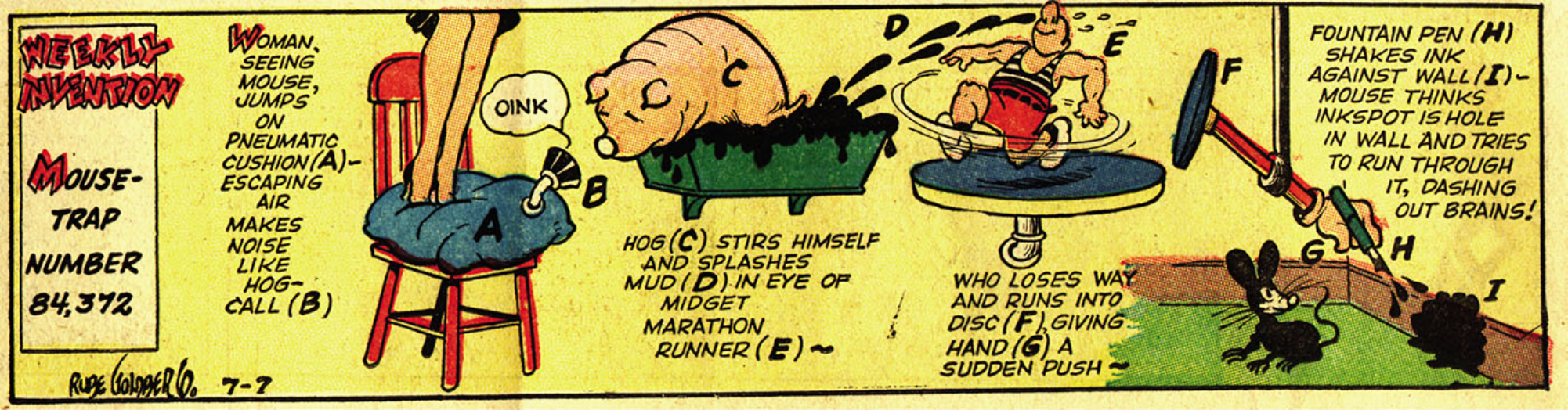

WEEKLY INVENTION
SPECIAL MEATBALL PASSER FOR BOARDING HOUSES
TWO MIDGET POOL PLAYERS SHOOT MEATBALLS INTO POCKETS OF OVERHEAD TABLE DROPPING THEM INTO INDIVIDUAL CONVEYORS.
THIS LITTLE LITTLE DEVICE DOES AWAY WITH THE BOARDING HOUSE REACH WHICH HAS LONG KEPT MANY POLITE BOARDERS OUT OF THE SOCIAL REGISTER.



THE PROFESSOR EMERGES FROM THE GOOFY BOOTH WITH A DEVICE FOR THE EXTERMINATION OF MOTHS.

START SINGING. LADY UPSTAIRS, WHEN SUFFICIENTLY ANNOYED, THROWS FLOWER POT (A) THROUGH AWNING (B). HOLE (C) ALLOWS SUN TO COME THROUGH AND MELT CAKE OF ICE (D). WATER DRIPS INTO PAN (E) RUNNING THROUGH PIPE (F) INTO PAIL (G). WEIGHT OF PAIL CAUSES CORD (H) TO RELEASE HOOK (I) AND ALLOW ARROW (J) TO SHOOT INTO TIRE (K). ESCAPING AIR BLOWS AGAINST TOY SAILBOAT (L) DRIVING IT AGAINST LEVER (M) AND CAUSING BALL TO ROLL INTO SPOON (N) AND PULL STRING (O) WHICH SETS OFF MACHINE GUN (P) DISCHARGING CAMPHOR BALLS (Q). REPORT OF GUN FRIGHTENS LAMB (R) WHICH RUNS AND PULLS CORD (S), OPENING CLOSET DOOR (T). AS MOTHS (U) FLY OUT TO EAT WOOL FROM LAMB'S BACK THEY ARE KILLED BY THE BARRAGE OF MOTH BALLS.

IF ANY OF THE MOTHS ESCAPE AND THERE IS DANGER OF THEIR RETURNING, YOU CAN FOOL THEM BY MOVING.


WEEKLY INVENTION
MOUSE-TRAP NUMBER 84,372
WOMAN, SEEING MOUSE, JUMPS ON PNEUMATIC CUSHION (A) - ESCAPING AIR MAKES NOISE LIKE HOG-CALL (B)
OINK
A
B
C
HOG (C) STIRS HIMSELF AND SPLASHES MUD (D) IN EYE OF MIDGET MARATHON RUNNER (E) ~
D
E
WHO LOSES WAY AND RUNS INTO DISC (F), GIVING HAND (G) A SUDDEN PUSH ~
F
G
H
I
FOUNTAIN PEN (H) SHAKES INK AGAINST WALL (I) - MOUSE THINKS INKSPOT IS HOLE IN WALL AND TRIES TO RUN THROUGH IT, DASHING OUT BRAINS!
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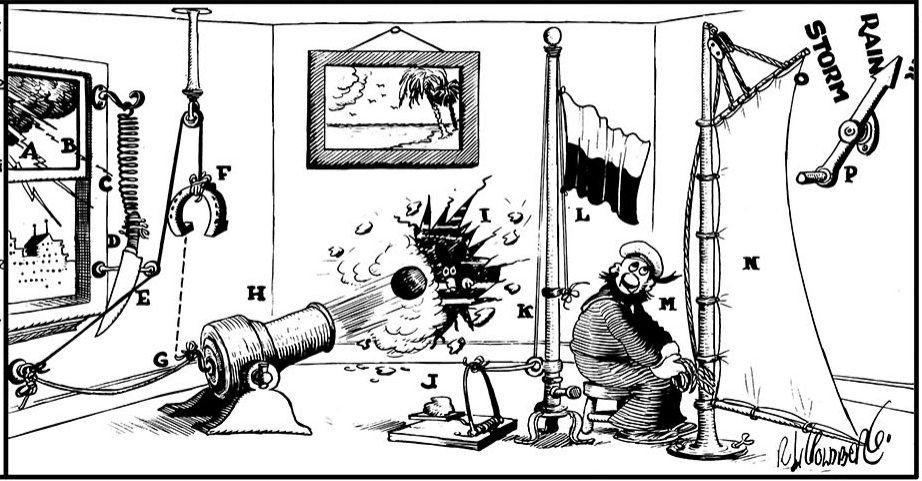
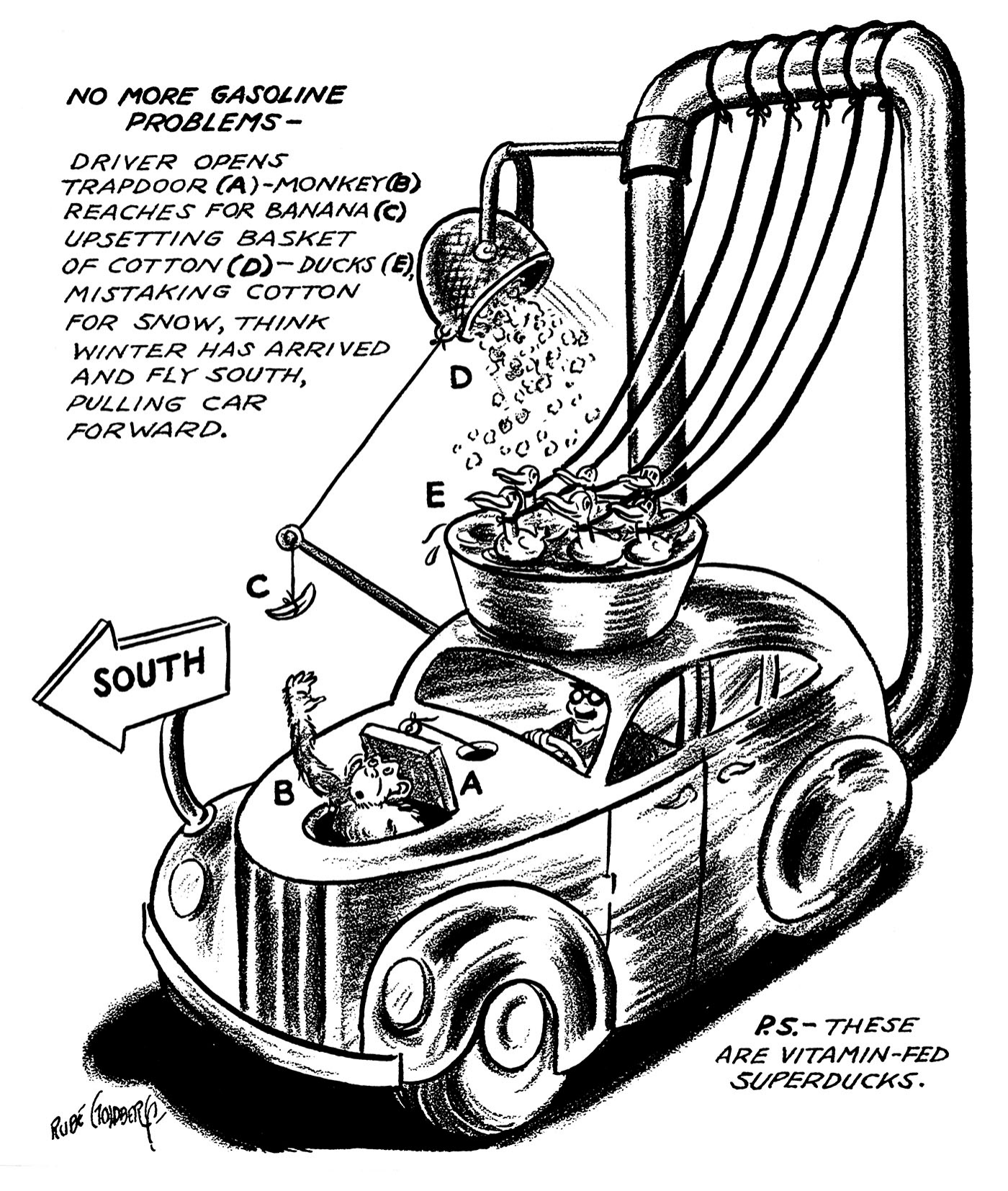
New Scientific Barometer

PROFESSOR BUTTS IS HIT WITH AN ANGEL CAKE AND THE ANGELS WHISPER AN IDEA FOR A NEW SCIENTIFIC BAROMETER. FLASH OF LIGHTNING (A) FROM DISTANT THUNDER STORM, SENDS ELECTRICAL VIBRATIONS (B) TO MAGNETIC SPRING (C) WHICH CONTRACTS AND CAUSES KNIFE (D) TO CUT CORD (E) AND RELEASE HORSESHOE (F), ALLOWING IT TO DROP ON STRING (G) AND PULL TRIGGER OF CANNON (H) WHICH SHOOTS A HOLE IN WALL. RAT (I) SEEING A NEW ENTRANCE TO LIVING ROOM, ENTERS AND IS CAUGHT IN TRAP (J) WHICH SPRINGS AND PULLS ROPE (K) RAISING STORM SIGNAL FLAG (L). EX-SAILOR (M) WHO IS A LITTLE CUCKOO, THINKS HE IS AT SEA AND HAULS DOWN SAIL (N), CAUSING TOP BOOM (O) TO STRIKE AGAINST ARROW (P) AND SWING IT TO POSITION INDICATING STORM.

IF YOU HAVE TROUBLE IN FINDING A NUTTY SAILOR, GET A SANE SAILOR AND DRIVE HIM CRAZY BY TELLING HIM THEY ARE GOING TO CLOSE UP SALOONS ALL OVER THE WORLD.



Rube Goldberg's New-Career machine
"Father Time (A) lifts lid of magic box (B), releasing spring which causes candle (C) to burn string (D) and drop iron boot (E) on Democratic donkey (F). Donkey kicks Republican elephant (G) which snorts in anger and blows cannonball (H) into Uncle Sam's hat (I), thereby lifting me (J) away from my drawing board into the 'higher art' of sculpture."


NO MORE GASOLINE PROBLEMS-
DRIVER OPENS TRAPDOOR (A)-MONKEY (B) REACHES FOR BANANA (C) UPSETTING BASKET OF COTTON (D)-DUCKS (E), MISTAKING COTTON FOR SNOW, THINK WINTER HAS ARRIVED AND FLY SOUTH, PULLING CAR FORWARD.
SOUTH
A
B
C
D
E
P.S.- THESE ARE VITAMIN-FED SUPERDUCKS.
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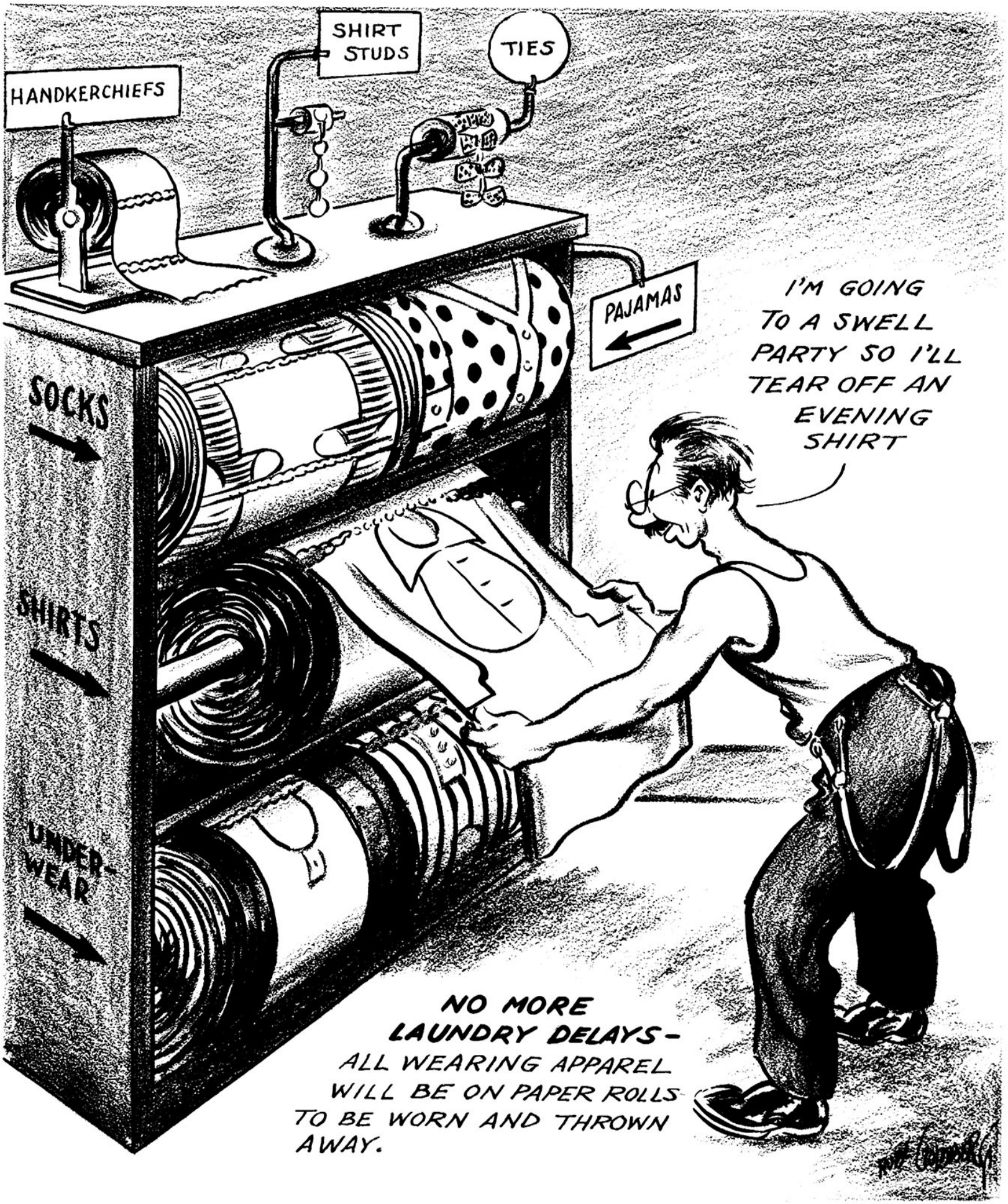
HANDKERCHIEFS
SHIRT STUDS
TIES
PAJAMAS
SOCKS
SHIRTS
UNDER-WEAR
I'M GOING TO A SWELL PARTY SO I'LL TEAR OFF AN EVENING SHIRT
NO MORE LAUNDRY DELAYS-
ALL WEARING APPAREL WILL BE ON PAPER ROLLS TO BE WORN AND THROWN AWAY.

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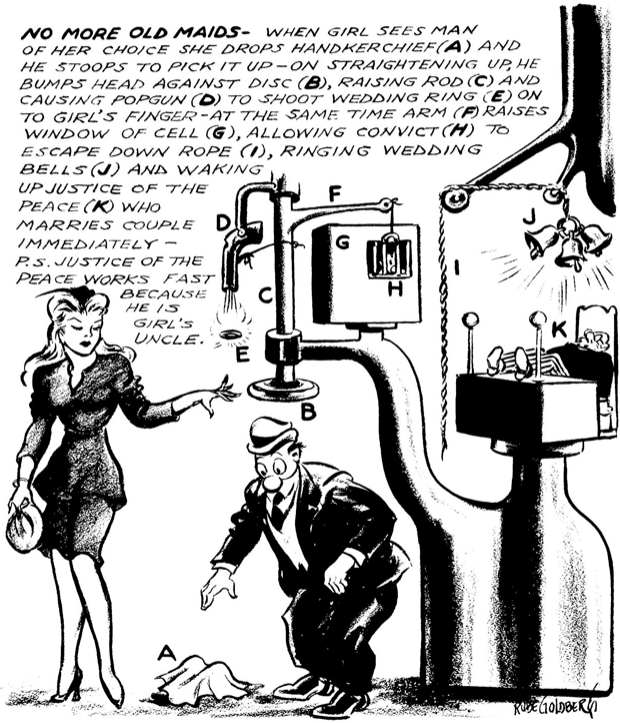
NO MORE OLD MAIDS- WHEN GIRL SEES MAN OF HER CHOICE SHE DROPS HANDKERCHIEF (A) AND HE STOOPS TO PICK IT UP - ON STRAIGHTENING UP, HE BUMPS HEAD AGAINST DISC (B), RAISING ROD (C) AND CAUSING POPGUN (D) TO SHOOT WEDDING RING (E) ON TO GIRL'S FINGER - AT THE SAME TIME ARM (F) RAISES WINDOW OF CELL (G), ALLOWING CONVICT (H) TO ESCAPE DOWN ROPE (I), RINGING WEDDING BELLS (J) AND WAKING UP JUSTICE OF THE PEACE (K) WHO MARRIES COUPLE IMMEDIATELY - P.S. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE WORKS FAST BECAUSE HE IS GIRL'S UNCLE.
A
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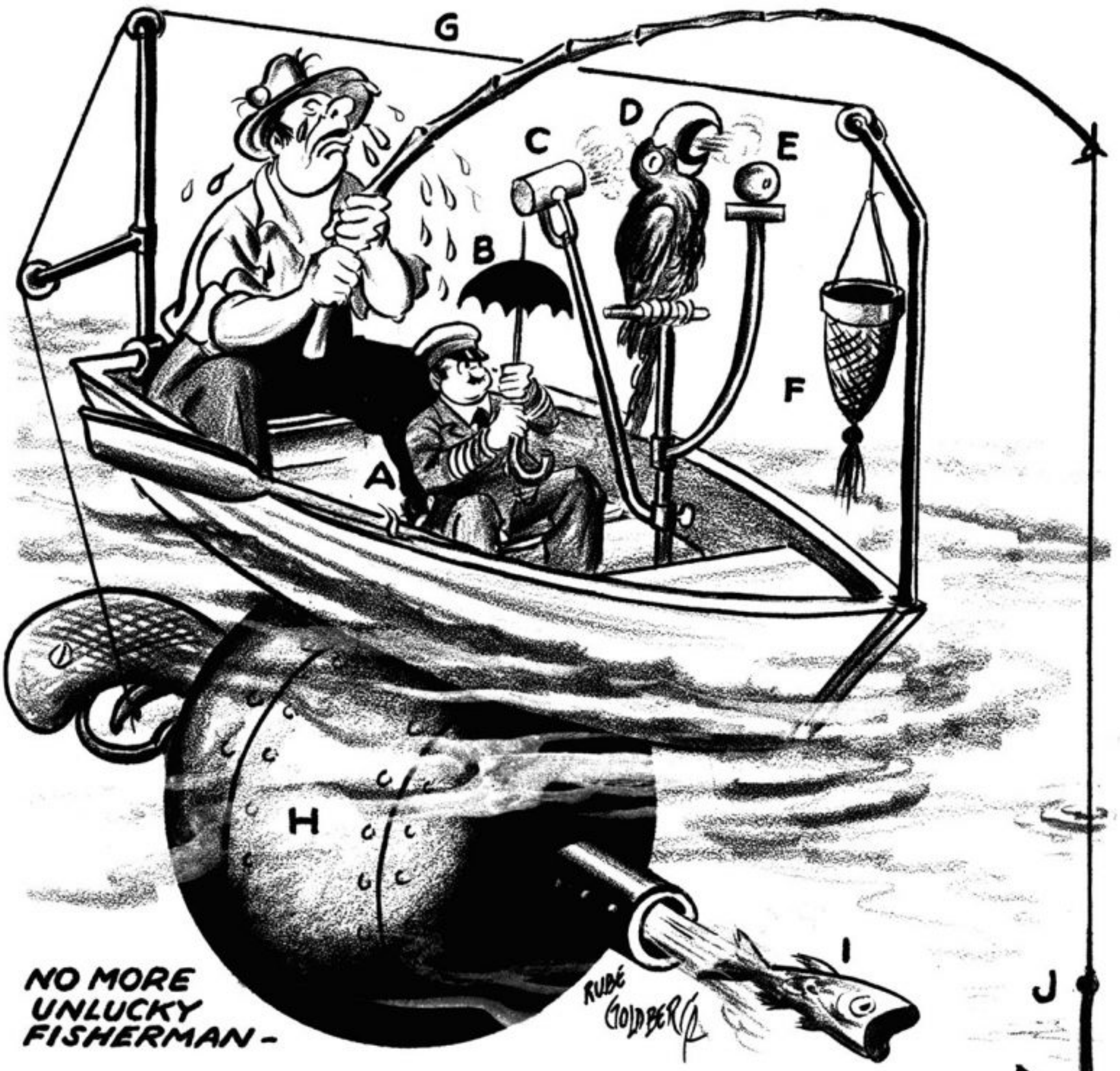
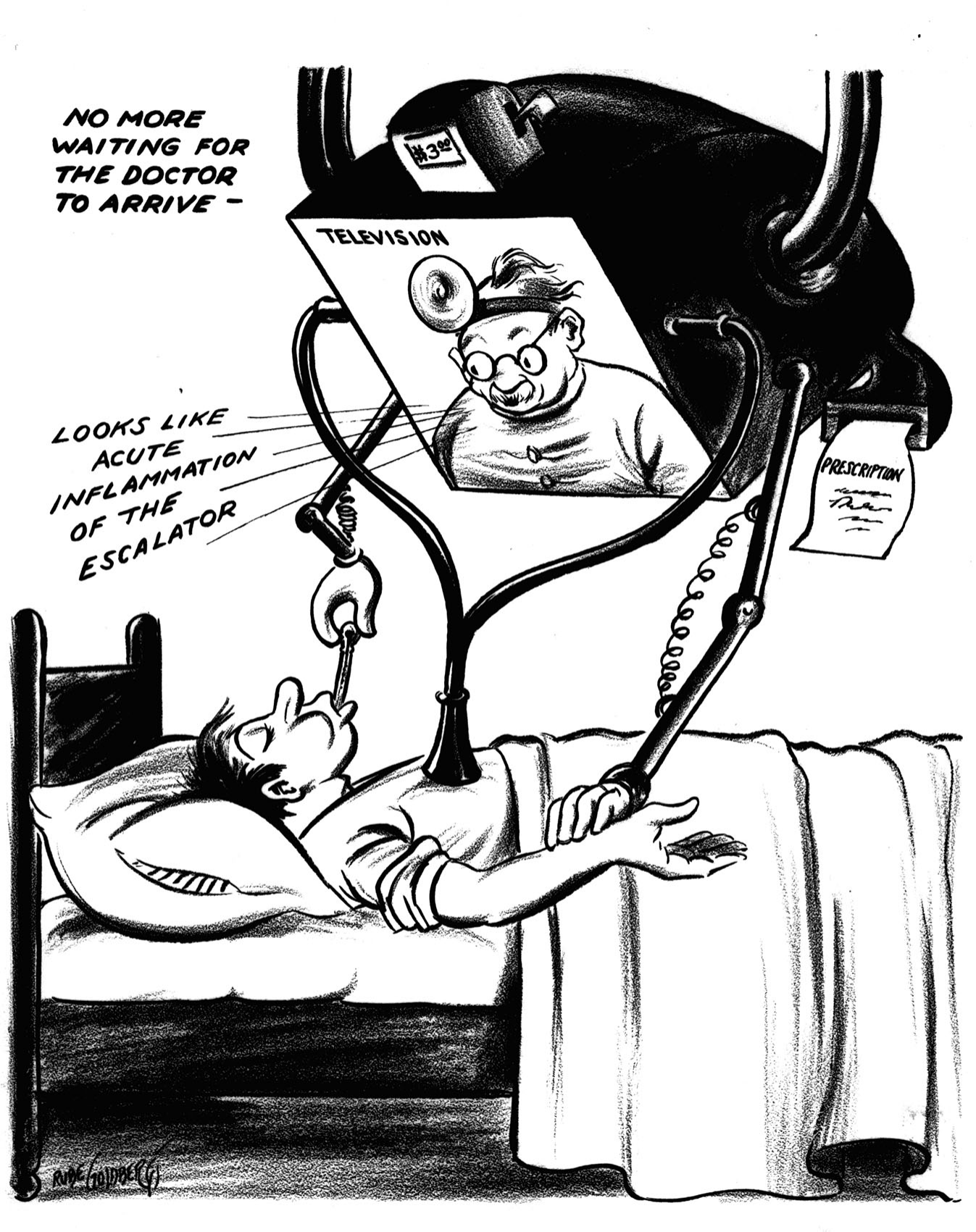


AFTER FISHING ALL DAY WITHOUT A BITE, YOU SHED TEARS OF CHAGRIN - MIDGET ROWBOAT CAPTAIN (A), THINKING IT IS RAINING, LIFTS UMBRELLA (B), UPSETTING CAN OF SNEEZE-POWDER (C) - PARROT (D) SNEEZES, BLOWING POOL BALL (E) INTO POCKET (F) - STRING (G) PULLS TRIGGER OF ATTACHED STEEL AQUARIUM (H), SHOOTING FISH (I) ON TO HOOK (J) - YOU CAN CATCH A NICE BROOK TROUT WITHOUT TAKING AN EXPENSIVE TRIP TO THE MOUNTAINS AND GETTING EATEN UP BY MOSQUITOES.


NO MORE WAITING FOR THE DOCTOR TO ARRIVE -
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LOOKS LIKE ACUTE INFLAMMATION OF THE ESCALATOR
PRESCRIPTION
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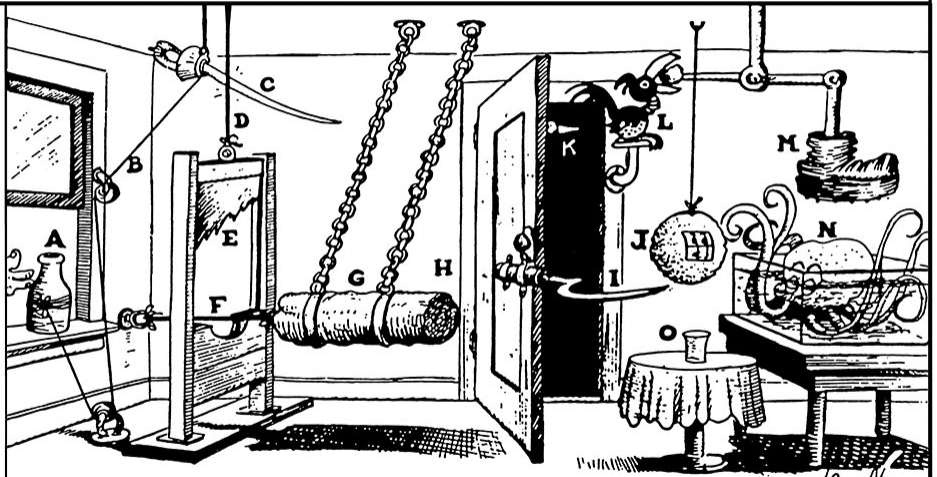
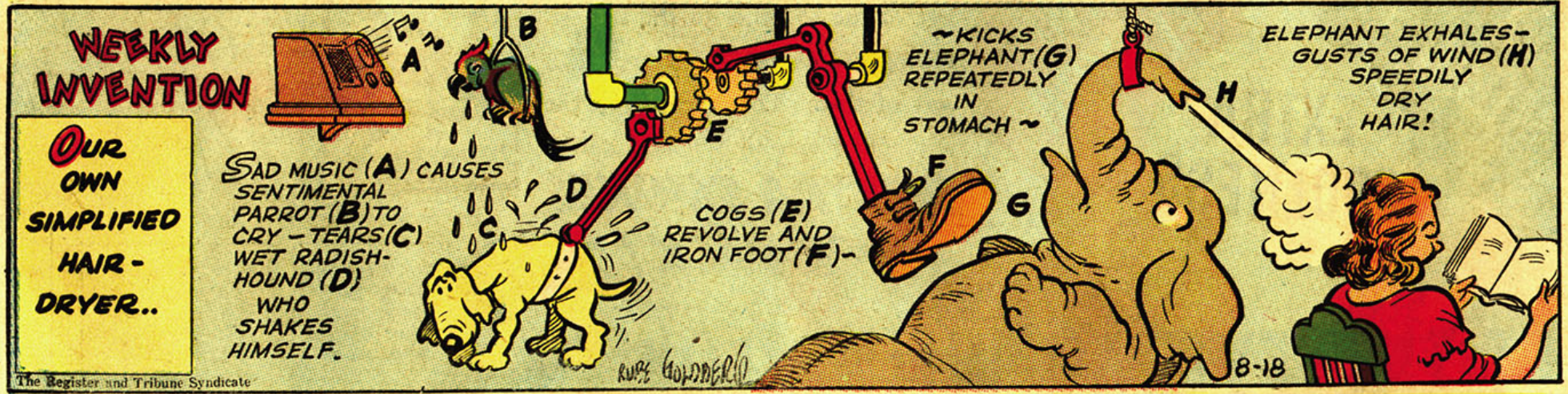
Orange Squeezing Machine

PROFESSOR BUTTS STEPS INTO AN OPEN ELEVATOR SHAFT AND WHEN HE LANDS AT THE BOTTOM HE FINDS A SIMPLE ORANGE SQUEEZING MACHINE. MILK MAN TAKES EMPTY MILK BOTTLE (A) PULLING STRING (B) WHICH CAUSES SWORD (C) TO SEVER CORD (D) AND ALLOW GUILLOTINE BLADE (E) TO DROP AND CUT ROPE (F) WHICH RELEASES BATTERING RAM (G). RAM BUMPS AGAINST OPEN DOOR (H) CAUSE ING IT TO CLOSE. GRASS SICKLE (I) CUTS A SLICE OFF END OF ORANGE (J) AT THE SAME TIME SPIKE (K) STABS PRUNE HAWK (L) HE OPENS HIS MOUTH TO YELL IN AGONY, THEREBY RELEASING PRUNE AND ALLOWING DIVER'S BOOT (M) TO DROP AND STEP ON SLEEPING OCTOPUS (N). OCTOPUS AWAKENS IN A RAGE AND SEEING DIVER'S FACE WHICH IS PAINTED ON ORANGE, ATTACKS IT AND CRUSHES IT WITH TENTACLES, THEREBY CAUSING ALL THE JUICE IN THE ORANGE TO RUN INTO GLASS (O).

LATER ON YOU CAN USE THE LOG TO BUILD A LOG CABIN WHERE YOU CAN RAISE YOUR SON TO BE PRESIDENT LIKE ABRAHAM LINCOLN.




WEEKLY INVENTION
OUR OWN SIMPLIFIED HAIR-DRYER..
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SAD MUSIC (A) CAUSES SENTIMENTAL PARROT (B) TO CRY – TEARS (C) WET RADISH-HOUND (D) WHO SHAKES HIMSELF.
C
D
E
COGS (E) REVOLVE AND IRON FOOT (F) –
F
~KICKS ELEPHANT (G) REPEATEDLY IN STOMACH ~
G
H
ELEPHANT EXHALES – GUSTS OF WIND (H) SPEEDILY DRY HAIR!
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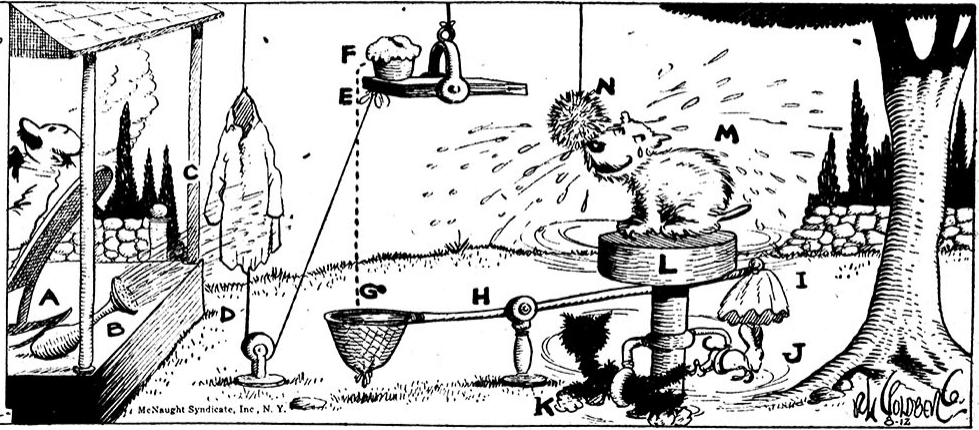
OUR SIMPLE LAWN-SPRINKLER

By Rube Goldberg

ROCKER (A) SQUEEZES BULB (B), SPRAYING SHIRT (C), CAUSING IT TO SHRINK AND PULL STRING (D), TIPPING SHELF (E) - HOMEMADE BISCUIT (F) FALLS HEAVILY INTO BASKET (G) CAUSING ROD (H) TO RAISE HOOD (I), EXPOSING MOUSE (J) - CAT (K) CHASES MOUSE, THEREBY REVOLVING PLATFORM. (L) - EACH TIME LAUGHING HYENA (M) REVOLVES HE IS TICKLED ON NOSE BY FEATHER BALL (N), CAUSING HIM TO LAUGH SO HARD HE CRIES - SPEED OF REVOLUTIONS SCATTERS TEARS OVER LAWN AND CAUSES GRASS TO GROW - IF YOU CAN'T GET A LAUGHING HYENA, USE A GIGGLING SCHOOL-GIRL



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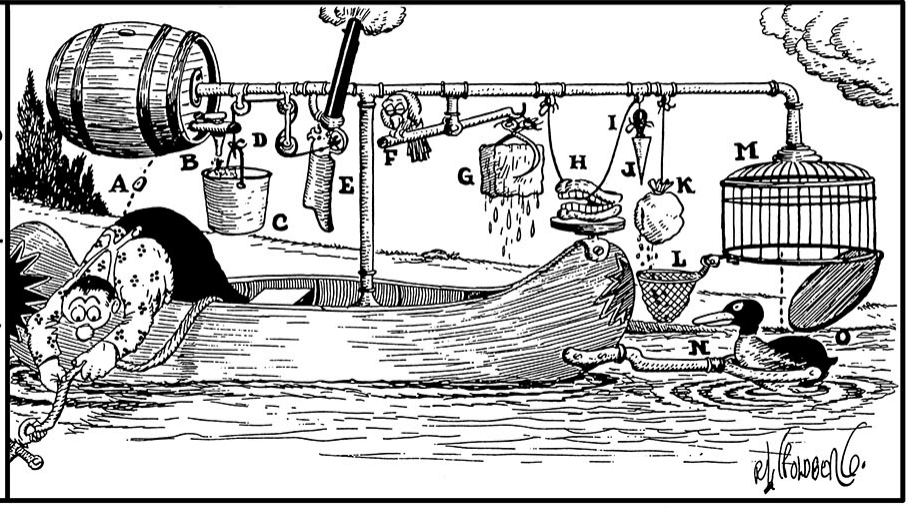
Outboard Motor That Requires No Fuel by Rube Goldberg

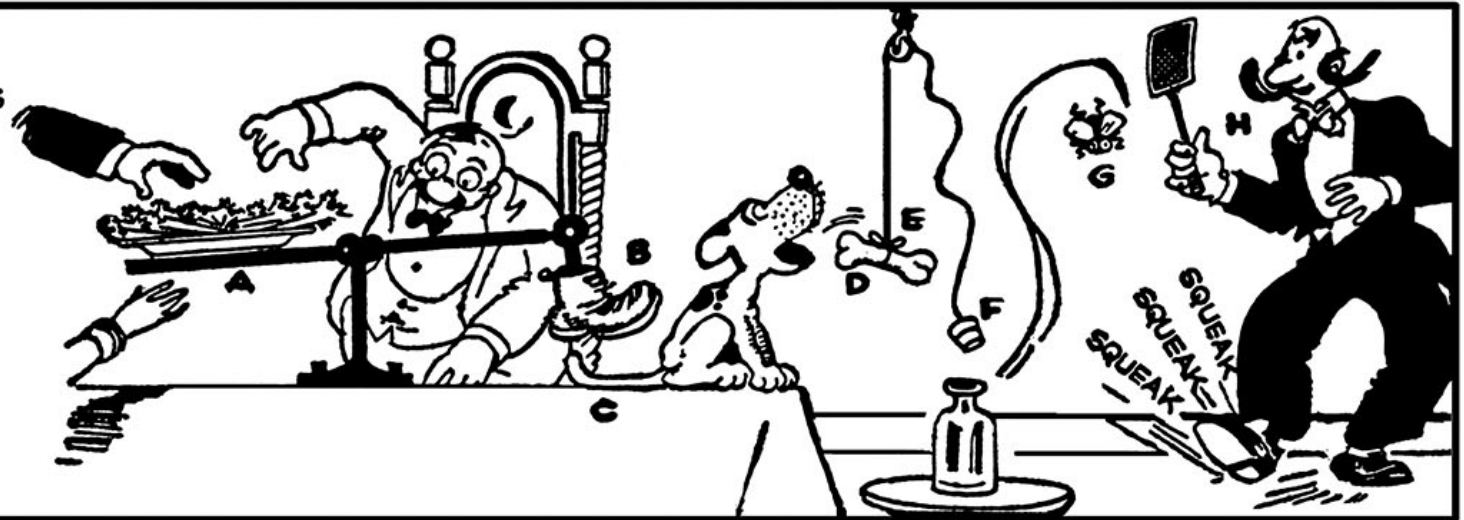
PROFESSOR BUTTS TRIES TO FIX A LEAK IN THE BOILER AND WHEN HE IS RESCUED FROM DROWNING HE COUGHS UP AN IDEA FOR AN OUTBOARD MOTOR THAT REQUIRES NO FUEL. AS YOU REACH FOR ANCHOR, BUTTON (A) SNAPS LOOSE AND HITS SPIGOT (B) CAUSING BEER TO RUN INTO PAIL (C). WEIGHT PULLS CORD (D) FIRING SHOT GUN (E). REPORT FRIGHTENS SEA GULL (F) WHICH FLIES AWAY AND CAUSES ICE (G) TO LOWER IN FRONT OF FALSE TEETH (H). AS TEETH CHATTER FROM COLD THEY BITE CORD (I) IN HALF ALLOWING POINTED TOOL (J) TO DROP AND RIP BAG OF CORN (K). CORN FALLS INTO NET (L). WEIGHT CAUSES IT TO SNAP LATCH OPENING FLOOR OF CAGE (M) AND DROPPING DUCK INTO SHAFTS (N). AS DUCK (O) TRIES TO REACH CORN IT SWIMS AND CAUSES CANOE TO MOVE AHEAD.

IF THE FALSE TEETH KEEP ON CHATTERING YOU CAN LET THEM CHEW YOUR GUM TO GIVE YOUR OWN JAWS A REST.



WEEKLY INVENTION

SIMPLE METHOD OF OVERCOMING CELERY-CRUNCHING AT FORMAL DINNER PARTIES - WHEN GUESTS TAKE CELERY OUT OF DISH (A), SHOE (B) DROPS ON DOG'S TAIL (C) - DOG HOWLS. DROPPING BONE (D)-STRING (E) PULLS CORK (F) RELEASING FLY (G) - BUTLER (H) CHASES FLY AROUND ROOM SQUEAKING OF HIS NEW SHOES DROWNS OUT NOISE OF CELERY CRUNCHING!



That's Life -:- -:- -:- By Rube Goldberg

THE MEMBERS OF THE BUTTS FAMILY ARE TIRED OF HAVING THEIR RUGS SPOILED BY CIGAR ASHES AND CIGARETTE BUTTS- SO THEY HAVE INSTALLED A SERIES OF OVERHEAD VACUUM ASH-AND-BUTT-REMOVERS.

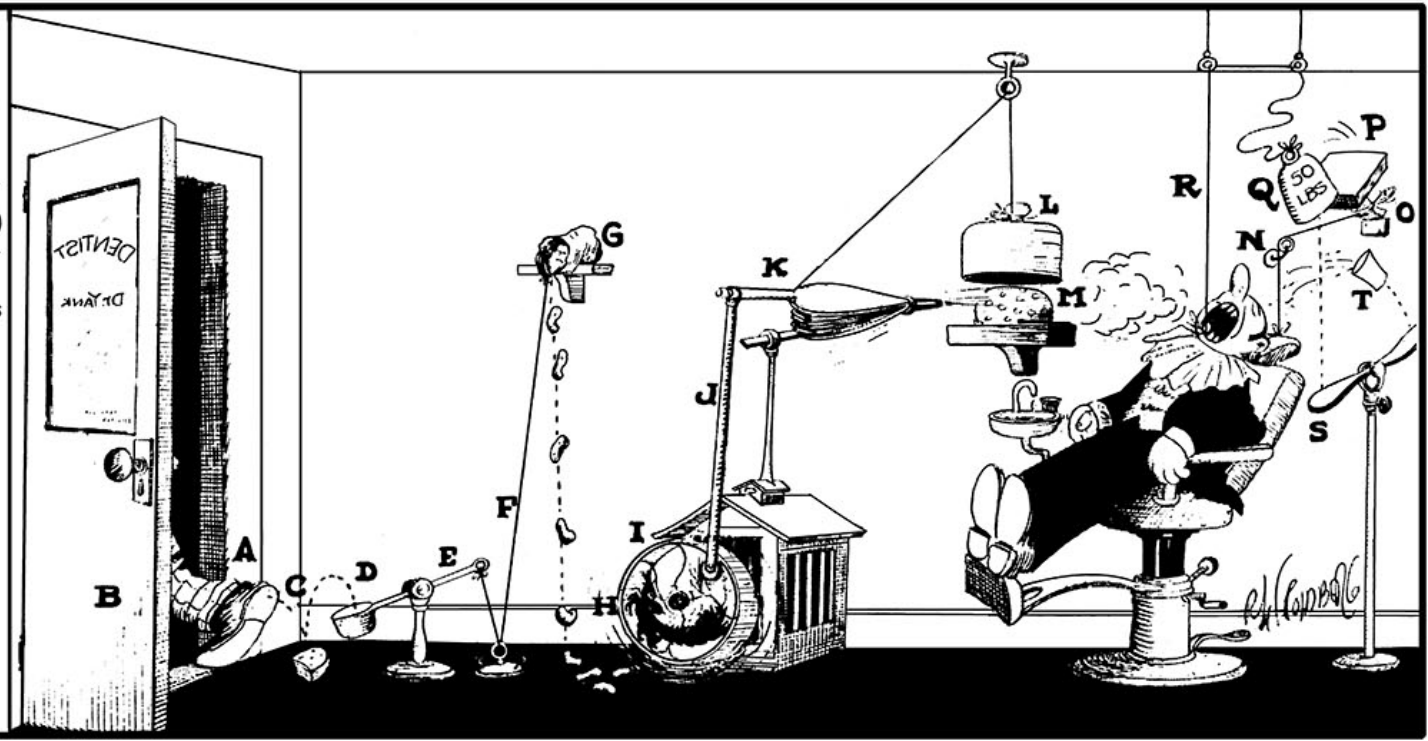
BEWARE OF THE DOG
SAPOGRAMS
WHAT AILMENT, COMMON TO DOGS, DOES THIS PICTURE REPRESENT?
BOYS, LET'S HIDE DE STUFF HERE
NO, WE'D BETTER ROW FURTHER DOWN DE RIVER
FO' LAND'S SAKES, I'SE SCARED!
DON'T BE A SAP, SAMBO

The Inventions of Professor Lucifer G. Butts, A.K.

By Rube Goldberg

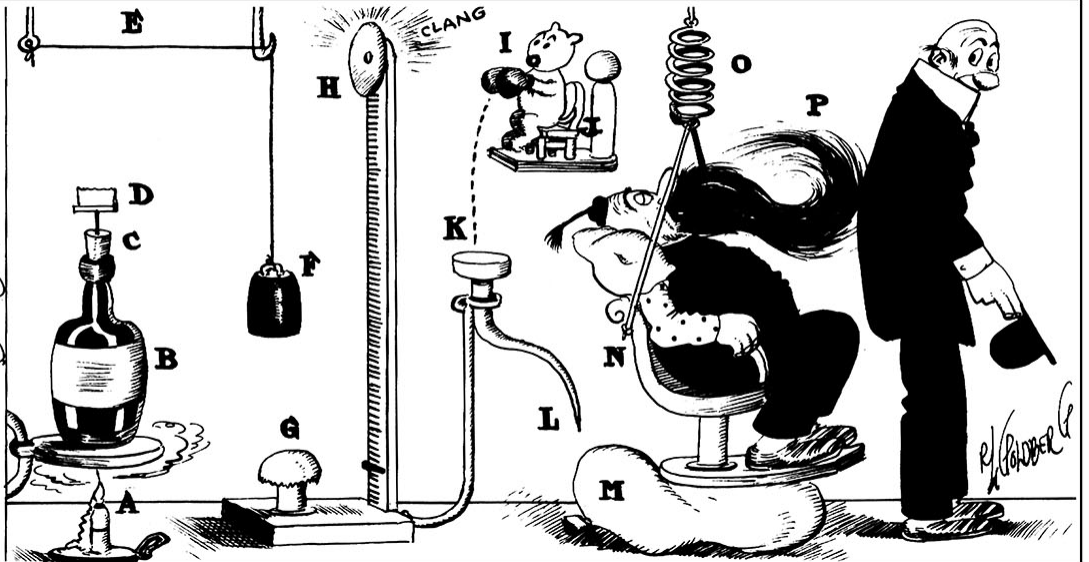
PROFESSOR BUTTS EVOLVES HIS LATEST PAINLESS TOOTH-EXTRACTOR IN A STATE OF SCIENTIFIC DELIRIUM. DENTIST (A) RUSHES OUT OF DOOR (B) INTO STOCK BROKER'S OFFICE NEXT DOOR TO SEE WHAT CONSOLIDATED BOLONEY IS DOING. IN HIS HASTE HE LOSES RUBBER HEEL (C) WHICH BOUNCES INTO CUP (D), TIPPING LEVER (E) WHICH PULLS STRING (F) UPSETTING BAG OF PEANUTS (G). SQUIRREL (H) REVOLVES CAGE (I) IN MAD ATTEMPT TO GRAB PEANUTS AND CAUSES PISTON (J) TO WORK BELLOWS (K) MOTION OF BELLOWS LIFTS COVER (L) AND AT THE SAME TIME BLOWS FUMES OF LIMBURGER CHEESE (M) IN FACE OF PATIENT, KNOCKING HIM COLD. VIBRATIONS OF HIS HEAD WHILE SNORING CAUSE STRING (N) TO PULL DELICATE PROP (O) FROM UNDER SHELF (P) AND SUDDEN DROP OF WEIGHT (Q) RESULTS IN WIRE (R) PULLING TOOTH. FALLING WEIGHT ALSO CAUSES PADDLE (S) TO TOSS GLASS OF WATER (T) INTO PATIENT'S FACE TO REVIVE HIM.

IF HE HAS NOT REVIVED WHEN THE DENTIST COMES BACK THREE DAYS LATER, THE GRAND JURY WILL HAVE TO DECIDE WHO IS TO BE TRIED FOR MURDER, THE DENTIST OR THE MAN WHO SOLD HIM THE LIMBURGER CHEESE.



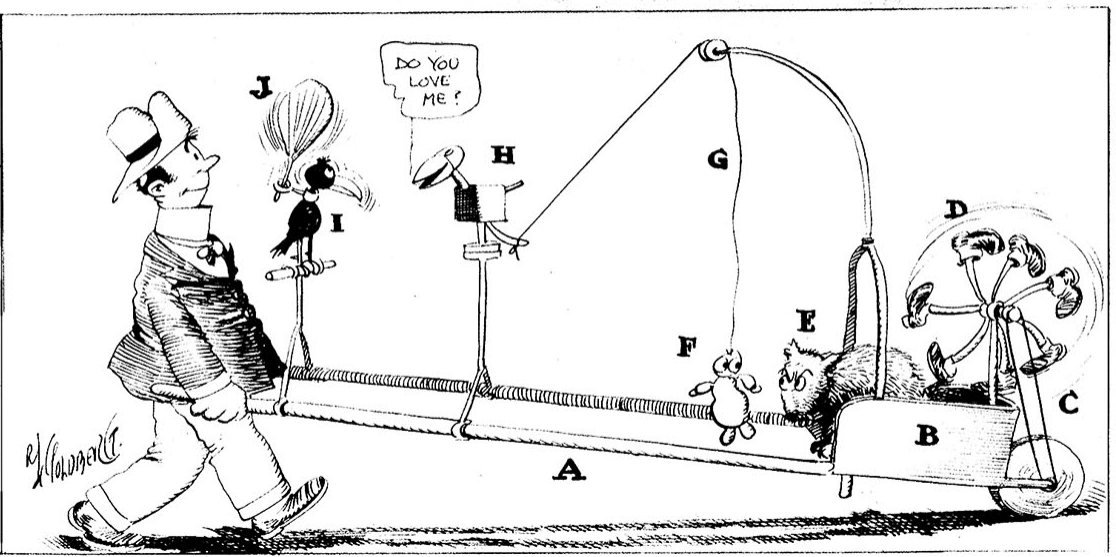
Rube Goldberg's Patent Clothes Brush

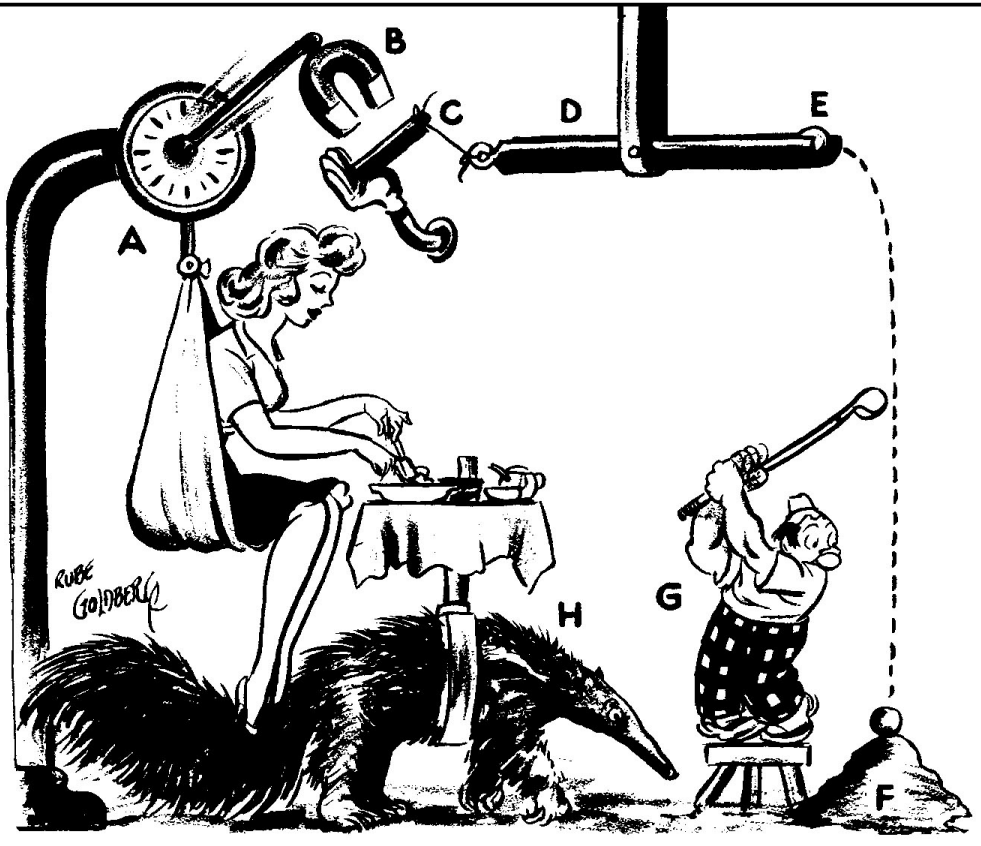
HEAT FROM FLAME (A) EXPANDS HOME BREW IN BOTTLE (B) AND CORK (C) FLIES OUT WITH ATTACHED SAFETY RAZOR BLADE (D), WHICH CUTS STRING (E) - WEIGHT (F) DROPS ON STRENGTH-TESTING MACHINE (G) RINGING BELL (H) - BOXING DOG (I) THINKS ROUND IS STARTING AND JUMPS OFF CHAIR (J) FALLING ON HEAD OF SPIKE (K) - POINT (L) PUNCTURES BALLOON (M) DROPPING CHAIR (N), WHICH BOBS UP AND DOWN ON SPRING (O), CAUSING WHISKERS (P) TO BRUSH OFF CLOTHES WITH NEATNESS AND CARE.



Patent Fan

TAKE HOLD OF HANDLES (A) OF WHEELBARROW (B) AND START WALKING - PULLEY (C) TURNS KICKING ARRANGEMENT (D) WHICH ANNOYS BEAR (E) - BEAR SUSPECTS DOLL (F) AND EATS IT, PULLING STRING (G) WHICH STARTS MECHANICAL BIRD (H) SAYING, "DO YOU LOVE ME?" - LOVE-BIRD (I) KEEPS SHAKING HEAD "YES", CAUSING FAN (J) TO MOVE BACK AND FORTH MAKING NICE BREEZE BLOW RIGHT IN YOUR FACE.

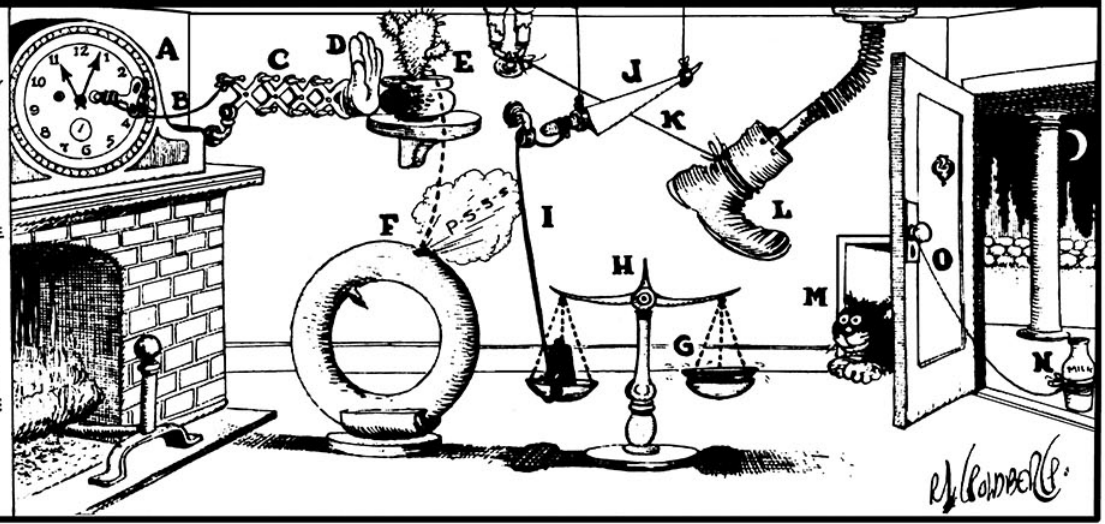




She sits down to eat in scale (**A**)–As weight increases, magnet (**B**) moves toward small steel bar (**C**), picking it up and tilting groove (**D**)–Golf ball (**E**) drops on ant-hill (**F**)–Midget beginner (**G**) takes swing at ball, misses it and knocks chunk out of ant-hill, scattering ants–Anteater (**H**) goes after ants, moving table away from hungry young lady, allowing her to preserve her beautiful figure.

Putting the Cat Out At Night by Rube Goldberg

PROFESSOR BUTTS TRIES TO PLAY THE XYLOPHONE WITH TWO STICKS OF DYNAMITE AND WHEN HE IS PICKED UP THREE MILES AWAY HE MUMBLES INCOHERENTLY ABOUT A SIMPLE IDEA FOR PUTTING THE CAT OUT AT NIGHT. AS YOU WIND CLOCK(A) IT TIGHTENS STRING (B) CAUSING IT TO EXTEND COLLAPSIBLE HATRACK (C). GLOVE(D) PUSHES CACTUS PLANT (E) FROM SHELF. CACTUS NEEDLE PUNCTURES INNER-TUBE (F) CAUSING HISSING SOUND WHICH CAT MISTAKES FOR SOMEONE CALLING. AS CAT APPROACHES SHE DISCOVERS SAUCER OF MILK(G) STANDING ON SCALE(H) AND AS SHE DRINKS MILK WEIGHT BECOMES LIGHTER, CAUSING SCALE TO PULL CORD(I) AND DRAW KNIFE(J) ACROSS STRING(K) RELEASING BOOT(L) WHICH PUSHES CAT OUT THE DOOR. AS CAT IS PUSHED OUT SHE UPSETS MILK BOTTLE(N) WHICH ROLLS AND PULLS CORD(O) CLOSING DOOR. IF BOOT MISSES CAT, THEN PUT BOOT ON RIGHT FOOT AND KICK THE CAT OUT YOURSELF.



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Quick-and Handy Apple-Corer

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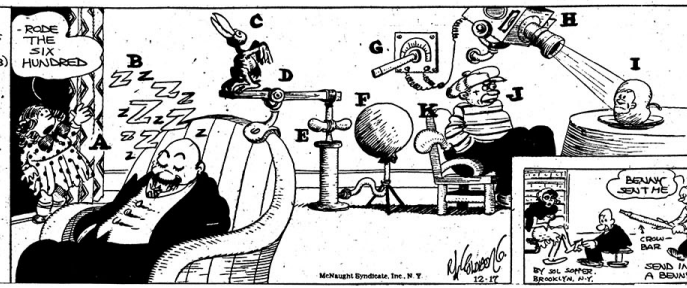
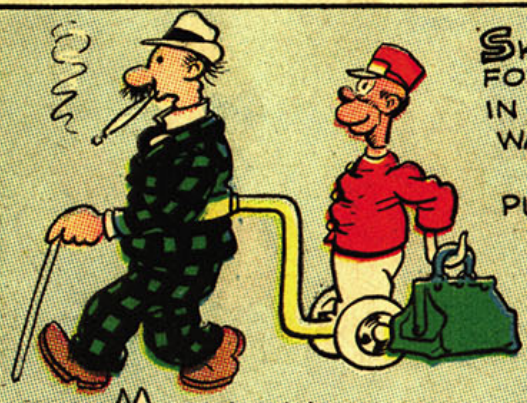
By Rube Goldberg

AT LAST WE HAVE FOUND A SIMPLE WAY TO CORE AN APPLE – ONE OF THE NEIGHBOR'S CHILDREN (A) RECITES "THE CHARGE OF THE LIGHT BRIGADE" – YOU FALL ASLEEP – SNORES (B) SOUND LIKE SOMEBODY SAWING WOOD AND WOODPECKER (C) JUMPS FOR JOY, CAUSING LEVER (D) TO VIBRATE AND WORK BICYCLE PUMP (E) WHICH INFLATES BALLOON (F) – INFLATED BALLOON TURNS ON ELECTRIC SWITCH (G) WHICH CAUSES MAGIC LANTERN (H) TO THROW IMAGE OF GANGSTER ON APPLE (I) – RIVAL GANGSTER (J) BECOMES ENRAGED, PULLS GUN (K), TAKES AIM, AND SHOOTS HOLE RIGHT THROUGH MIDDLE OF APPLE – IF GANGSTER IS POOR SHOT AND DOESN'T HIT APPLE IN CENTER, YOU CAN HAVE APPLESAUCE.



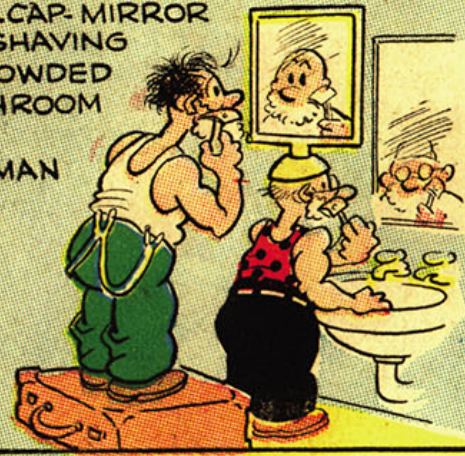
Weekly Invention

RAILROAD HINTS FOR TRAVELING SALESMEN..

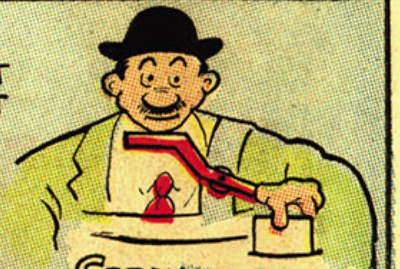


MECHANICAL TIP-SAVING PORTER

SKULLCAP-MIRROR FOR SHAVING IN CROWDED WASHROOM ON PULLMAN



DEVICE FOR LIFTING TICKET OUT OF POCKET WHEN YOUR ARMS ARE FULL OF GRIPS



SPECIAL CLOCK TELLS DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME, REGULAR TIME, RAGTIME, ANY TIME.

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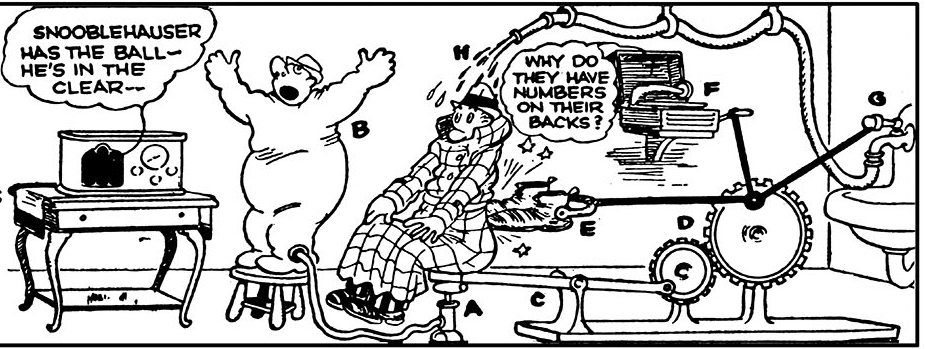
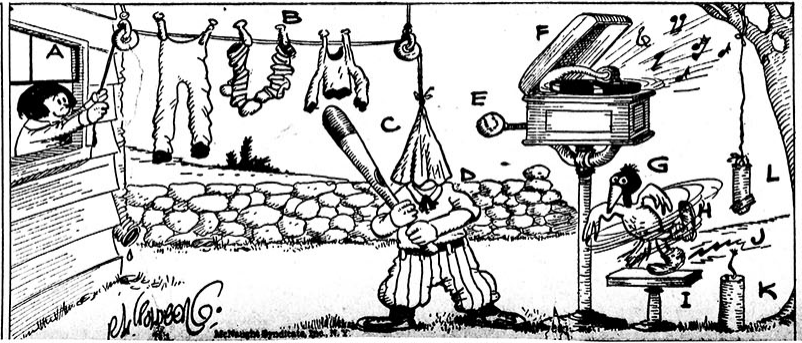
RUBE GOLDBERG'S SIDE SHOW

APPARATUS FOR MAKING FOOTBALL GAME SEEM REALISTIC OVER RADIO— WHEN YOU SIT DOWN TO HEAR BROADCAST OF GAME BICYCLE PUMP (A) INFLATES RUBBER FOOTBALL FAN (B) WHO JUMPS UP OBSTRUCTING YOUR VIEW — YOUR WEIGHT ON SEAT (C) TURNS COGS (D), CAUSING SPECTATOR'S FEET (E) TO KICK YOU IN BACK, STARTING RECORD OF WOMAN'S VOICE (F) ASKING SILLY QUESTIONS ABOUT GAME, AND TURNING FAUCET (G) WHICH CAUSES RAIN (H) — ALL OF WHICH MAKES YOU AS UNCOMFORTABLE AS THOUGH YOU WERE REALLY SITTING IN STADIUM WATCHING GAME



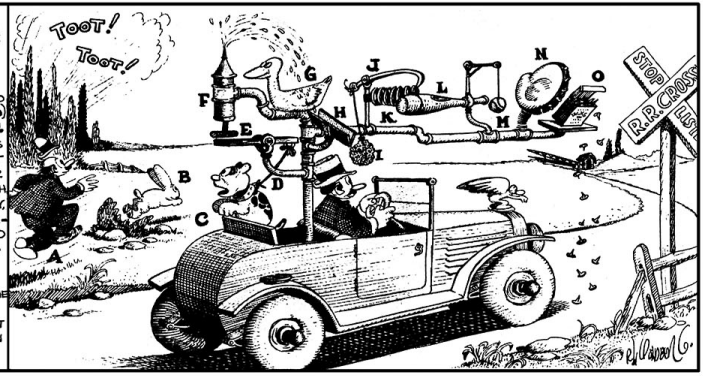
That's Life -:- -:- -:- By Rube Goldberg

PROFESSOR LUCIFER G. BUTTS INVENTS A SAFE FIRECRACKER-OBEDIENT CHILD (A) PULLS IN WASH (B), LIFTING HOOD (C) FROM MIDGET BALL PLAYER'S FACE (D), ALLOWING HIM TO BAT BALL (E), WHICH STARTS PHONOGRAPH (F) PLAYING HOT TUNE - JAZZ-BIRD (G) GOES INTO A FAST DANCE - STEEL SHOES, (H) RUBBING ON FLINT PLATFORM (I) CAUSE SPARK (J) TO LIGHT FIRE - CRACKER (K) - EXPLOSION GOES INTO MICROPHONE (L) WHICH CARRIES SOUND TO RADIO IN DINING ROOM WHERE CHILD HEARS IT IN SAFETY.



Safety at Railroad Crossings

Professor Butts steals a ride on top of a train, forgets to duck at the entrance of a tunnel, and blurts out an idea to insure safety at railroad crossings. As commuter (A) hears train whistle he thinks he is late and runs across field to make short-cut, scaring out Jack-rabbit (B) who attracts attention of Giffik Hound (C). Hound jumps, pulling string (D) which raises end of board (E) and pushes handle of squirt gun (F) which wets back of duck (G). As water rolls off duck's back it runs down trough (H) on to sponge (I). As sponge becomes heavy, extra weight pulls hook (J) causing it to release spring (K) causing baseball bat (L) to hit baseball (M) into catcher's glove (N) and push box of tacks (O) from shelf. As tacks spill on road they puncture tires and force dumb driver to stop even though he wants to beat speeding train at crossing. The tire expense is quite an item but tire bills are generally smaller than undertakers' bills.



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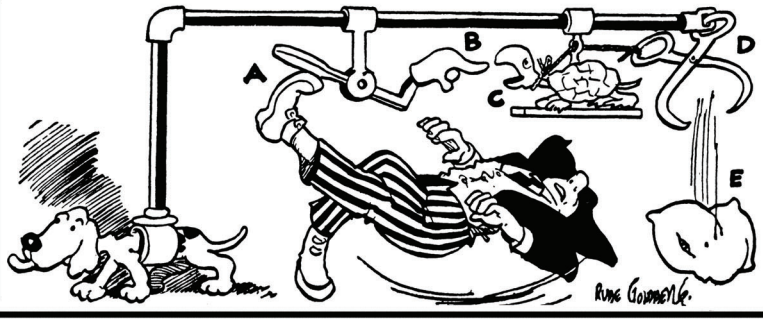

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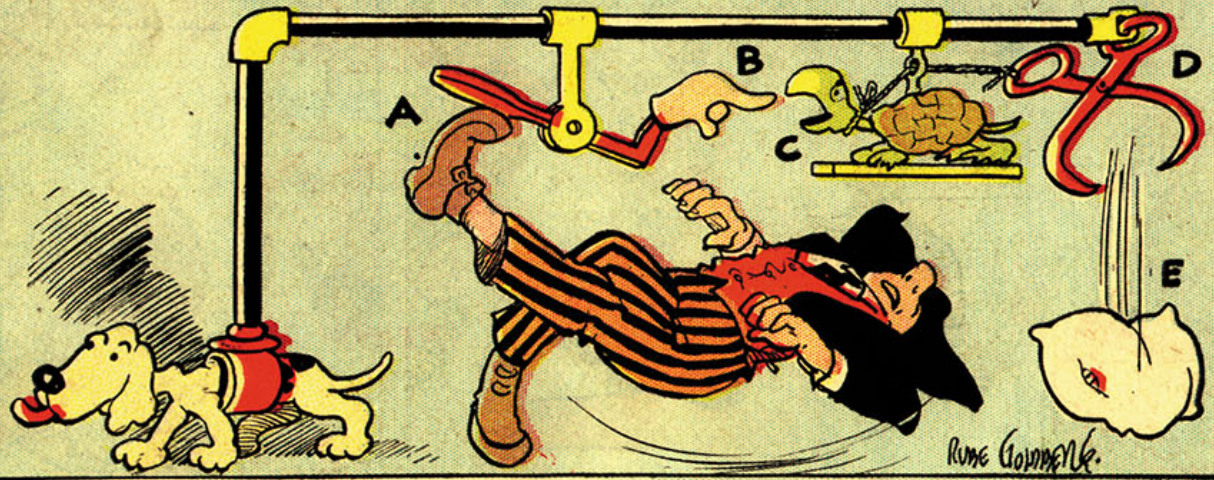

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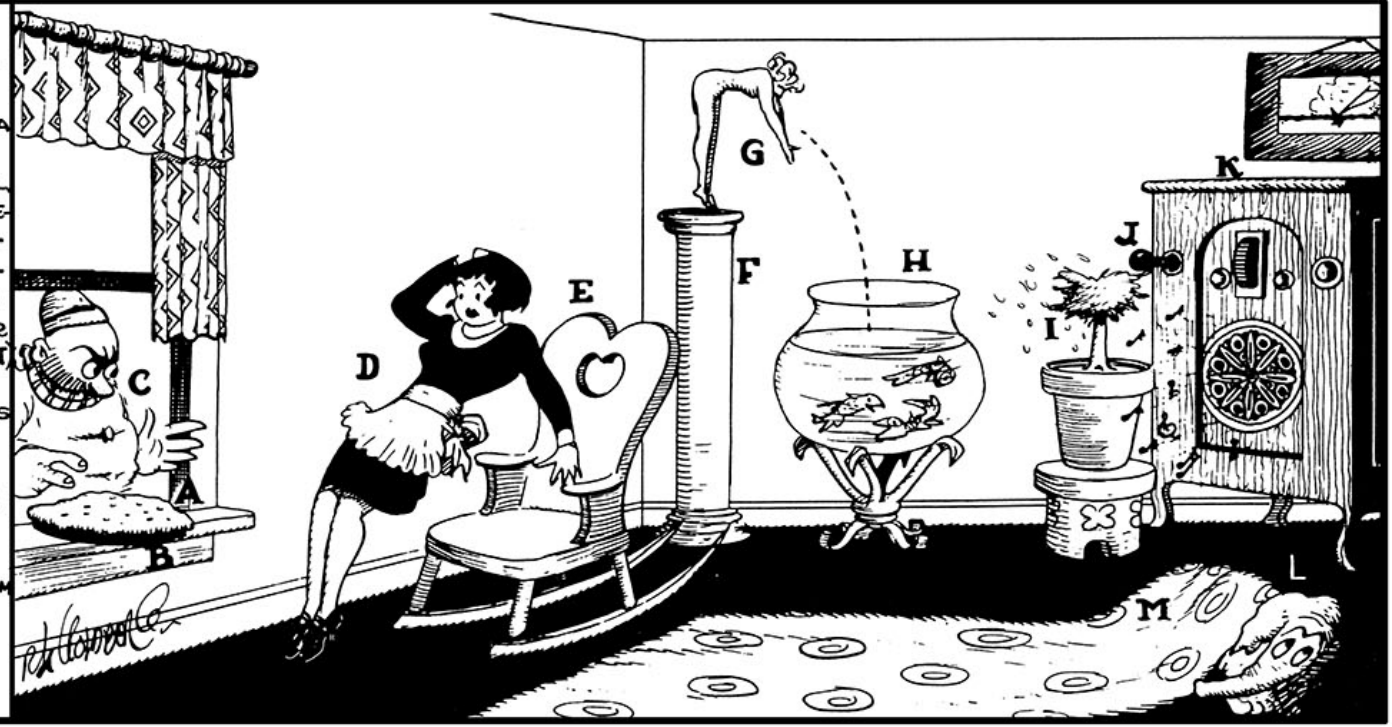
A Self Rolling Rug by Rube Goldberg

PROFESSOR BUTTS FLIES THROUGH THE WINDSHIELD OF HIS CAR AND WHEN THEY PICK OUT THE BROKEN GLASS THEY FIND AN IDEA FOR A SELF-ROLLING RUG.

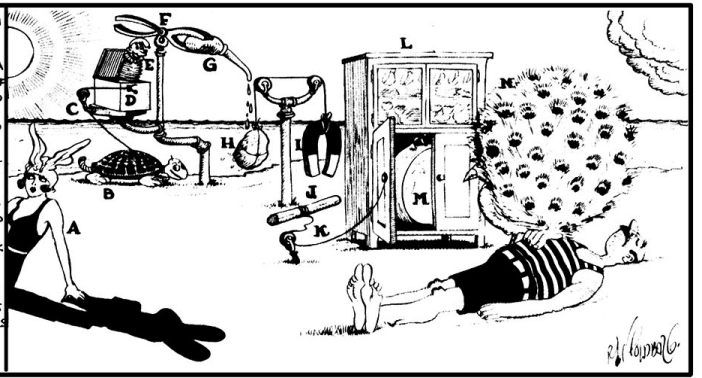
PLACE FRESH PIE(A) ON WINDOW SILL(B) TO COOL. WHEN TRAMP(C) SNEAKS UP TO STEAL IT, HOUSEMAID(D) FALLS BACK WITH FRIGHT INTO ROCKING CHAIR(E) WHICH TILTS PEDESTAL(F), CAUSING MARBLE STATUE OF DIVING VENUS(G) TO DIVE INTO GOLDFISH BOWL(H) AND SPLASH WATER ON PLANT(I) WHICH GROWS AND TURNS ON SWITCH(J) OF RADIO(K) WHICH PLAYS OLD TUNE CALLED "OCEANA ROLL". LITTLE TRICK ROLLING CIRCUS ELEPHANT(L), HEARING TUNE, DOES HIS STUFF AND KEEPS ROLLING OVER AND OVER UNTIL RUG(M) IS COMPLETELY WRAPPED AROUND HIM AND FLOOR IS CLEARED FOR DANCING.

RUG WRAPPED AROUND DELICATE LITTLE ELEPHANT ALSO KEEPS HIM FROM CATCHING COLD FROM DRAFT COMING THROUGH OPEN WINDOW.



Self Working Sunshade

PROFESSOR BUTTS IS OPERATED ON FOR FALLEN ARCHES AND, WHILE UNDER THE ETHER, THINKS OF A HANDY, SELF-WORKING SUNSHADE. SHADOW OF BATHING GIRL (A) CLOSELY RESEMBLES A RABBIT. TORTOISE (B) REMEMBERING THE FABLE OF THE TORTOISE AND THE HARE STARTS TO RACE AND PULLS STRING (C) OPENING HOOK (D) WHICH ALLOWS JACK-IN-THE-BOX (E) TO JUMP AGAINST PLIERS (F) AND SQUEEZE BULB OF EYE-DROPPER (G) WHICH DRIPS WATER ON STONE (H) AS DROPS OF WATER WEAR AWAY STONE CAUSING IT TO BECOME LIGHTER IT RISES ALLOWING MAGNET (I) TO DESCEND. MAGNET ATTRACTS STEEL BAR (J) WHICH LEAVES THE GROUND WITH A SUDDEN JUMP PULLING CORD (K) OPENING DOOR OF CUPBOARD (L) EXPOSING HIGHLY POLISHED POT (M). AS CONCEITED PEACOCK (N) SEES HIS REFLECTION HIS VANITY PROMPTS HIM TO SPREAD HIS BEAUTIFUL TAIL THEREBY SHIELDING BATHER AND PROTECTING HIM FROM SUNBURN — EACH MORNING YOU CAN WRITE THE PEACOCK A LOT OF ADMIRING FAN LETTERS TO MAKE SURE HE IS GOOD AND CONCEITED BY THE TIME YOU NEED HIM.

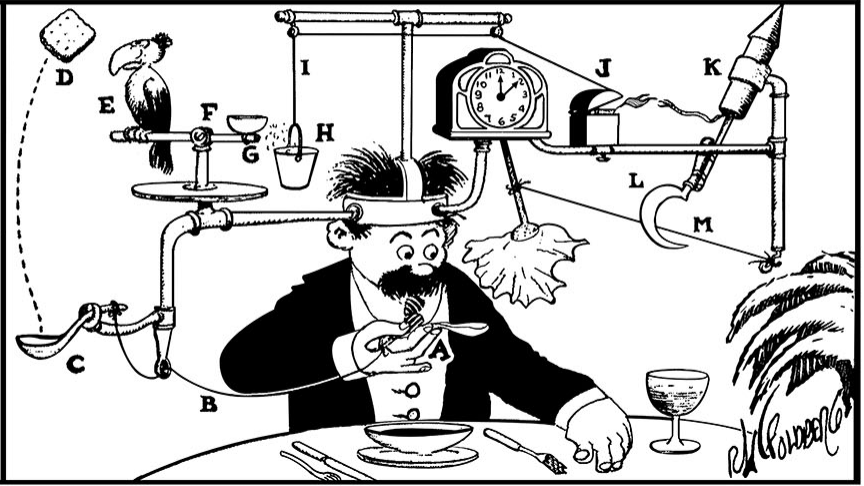


Self-Operating Napkin by Rube Goldberg

PROFESSOR BUTTS WALKS IN HIS SLEEP, STROLLS THROUGH A CACTUS FIELD IN HIS BARE FEET, AND SCREAMS OUT AN IDEA FOR A SELF-OPERATING NAPKIN.

AS YOU RAISE SPOON OF SOUP (A) TO YOUR MOUTH IT PULLS STRING (B), THEREBY JERKING LADLE (C) WHICH THROWS CRACKER (D) PAST PARROT (E). PARROT JUMPS AFTER CRACKER AND PERCH (F) TILTS, UPSETTING SEEDS (G) INTO PAIL (H). EXTRA WEIGHT IN PAIL PULLS CORD (I) WHICH OPENS AND LIGHTS AUTOMATIC CIGAR LIGHTER (J), SETTING OFF SKY-ROCKET (K) WHICH CAUSES SICKLE (L) TO CUT STRING (M) AND ALLOW PENDULUM WITH ATTACHED NAPKIN TO SWING BACK AND FORTH THEREBY WIPING OFF YOUR CHIN.

AFTER THE MEAL, SUBSTITUTE A HARMONICA FOR THE NAPKIN AND YOU'LL BE ABLE TO ENTERTAIN THE GUESTS WITH A LITTLE MUSIC.



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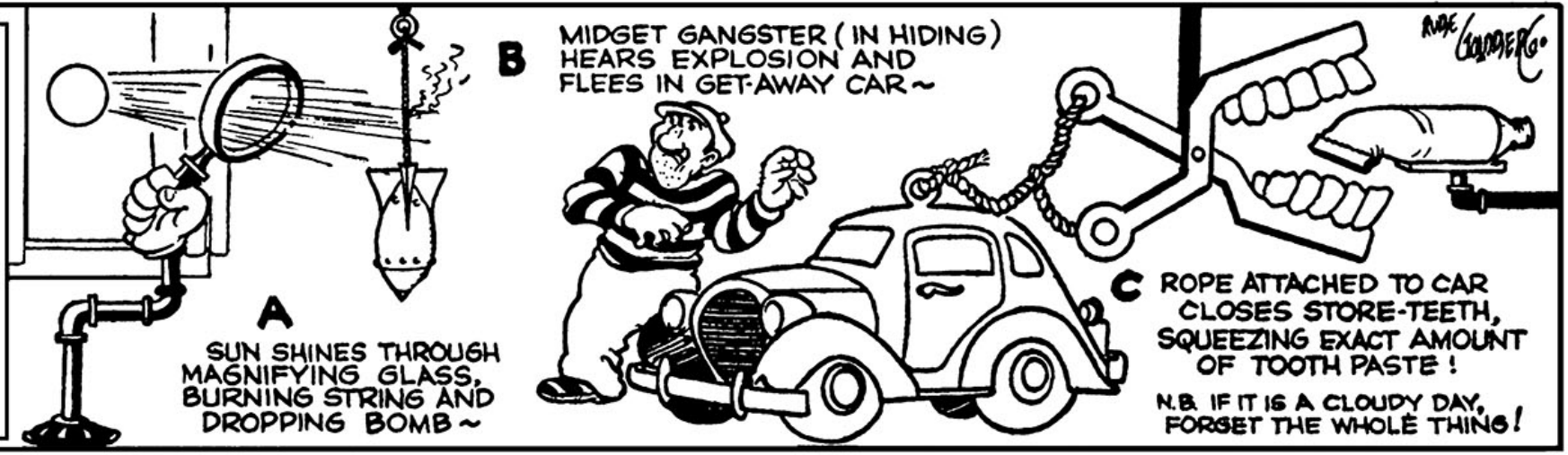
SELF-OPERATING TOOTH PASTE SQUEEZER

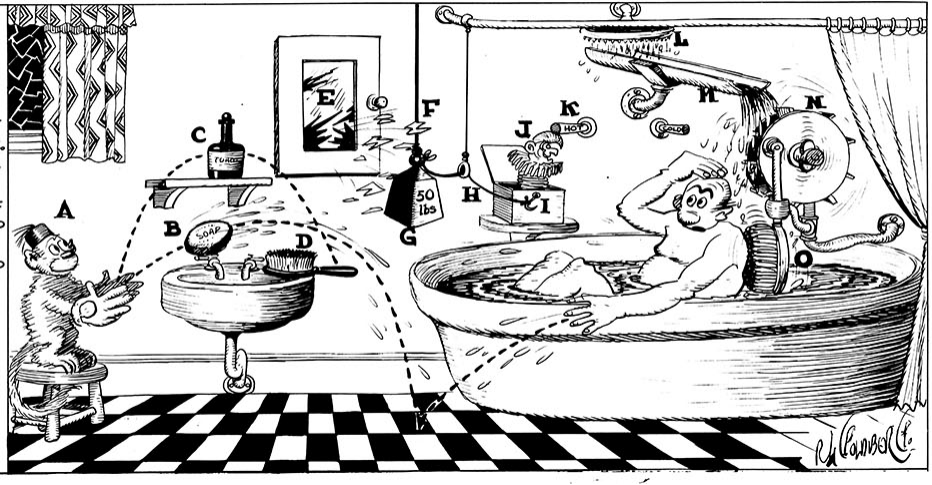

A
SUN SHINES THROUGH MAGNIFYING GLASS, BURNING STRING AND DROPPING BOMB ~
B
MIDGET GANGSTER (IN HIDING) HEARS EXPLOSION AND FLEES IN GET-AWAY CAR ~
C
ROPE ATTACHED TO CAR CLOSES STORE-TEETH, SQUEEZING EXACT AMOUNT OF TOOTH PASTE !
N.B. IF IT IS A CLOUDY DAY, FORGET THE WHOLE THING !
RUBE GOLDBERG

Self-Scrubbing Bath Brush

PROFESSOR BUTTS JUMPS FROM A PLANE IN A MOTH-EATEN PARACHUTE, LANDS ON HIS HEAD AND LIVES TO INVENT A SELF-SCRUBBING BATH BRUSH.

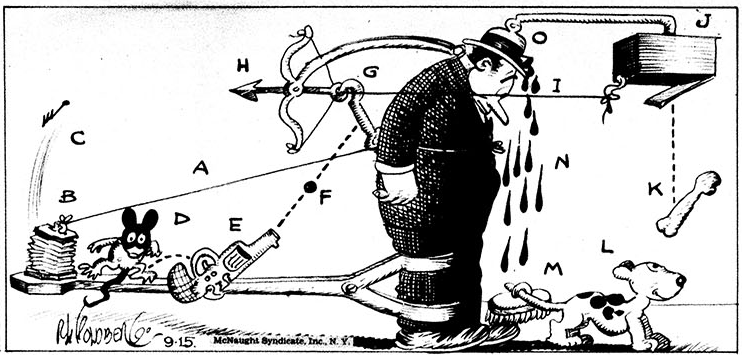
SOAP SLIPS FROM BATHER'S HANDS. MONKEY OUTFIELDER (A) TRIES TO CATCH IT AND FUMBLES. SOAP (B) HITS BOTTLE (C) WHICH FALLS ON HANDLE OF HAIR BRUSH (D) CAUSING BRUSH TO FLY UP AND SMASH MIRROR (E). FLYING FRAGMENTS OF GLASS CUT CORD (F) ALLOWING WEIGHT (G) TO DROP AND PULL STRING (H) WHICH OPENS HOOK (I) RELEASING JACK-IN-THE-BOX (J), WHICH JUMPS UP AND HITS HANDLE (K) TURNING ON WATER IN SHOWER (L). AS WATER RUNS DOWN TROUGH (M) IT FALLS ON MILL-WHEEL (N) CAUSING IT TO REVOLVE AND WORK BRUSH (O) UP AND DOWN ON BATHER'S BACK.

YOU CAN RENT AN ORGAN AND KEEP THE MONKEY BUSY WHEN YOU ARE NOT TAKING A BATH.



Simple Self-Shining Shoes

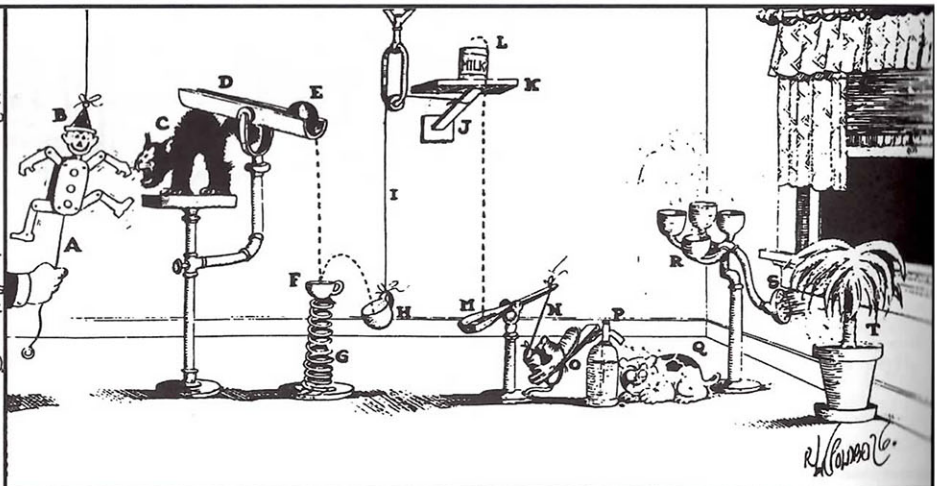
PROFESSOR LUCIFER GORGONZOLA BUTTS A.K. INVENTS SIMPLE SELF-SHINING SHOES--- AS PASSERBY STEPS RUDELY ON YOUR SHOES, YOU BEND OVER, CAUSING STRING (A) TO PULL OPEN ACCORDION (B), SOUNDING NOTE (C)- DANCING MOUSE (D) STARTS WALTZING AND STEPS ON TRIGGER OF PISTOL (E)- BULLET (F) DISENGAGES HOOK (G) AND ALLOWS ARROW (H) TO SHOOT OUT, PULLING CORD (I) WHICH OPENS INVERTED BOX (J), DROPPING BONE (K)- PET DOG (L) SEES BONE, WAGS TAIL, CAUSING BRUSH (M) TO SPREAD POLISH (N) WHICH DROPS FROM HOLE IN DERBY (O).



Self-Watering Palm Tree

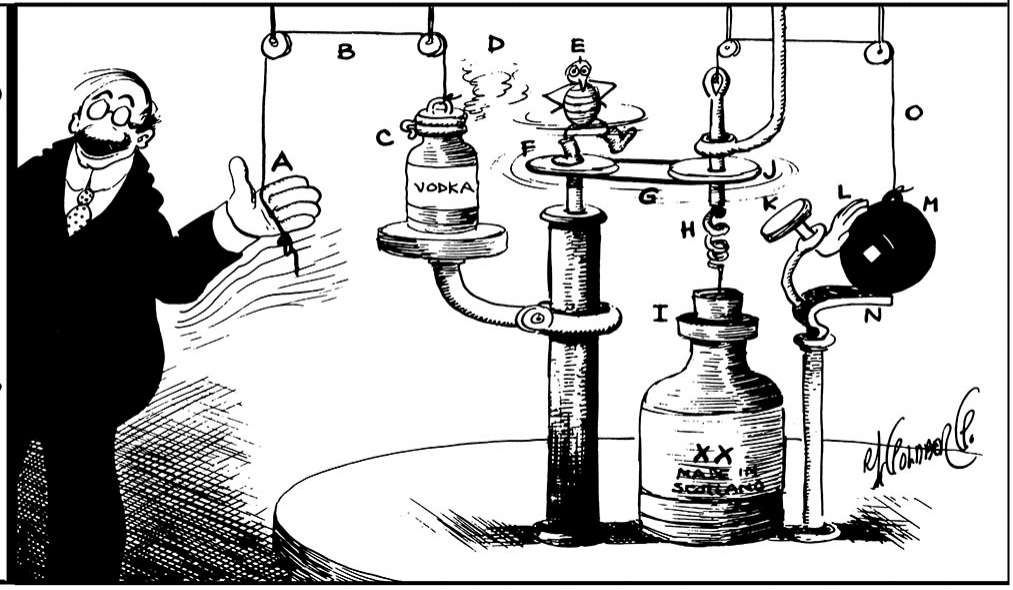
PROFESSOR BUTT'S BRAIN TAKES A NOSEDIVE AND OUT COMES HIS SELF-WATERING PALM TREE.

STRING (A) WORKS JUMPING JACK (B), FRIGHTENING CAT (C) WHICH RAISES BACK AND LIFTS TROUGH (D), CAUSING BALL (E) TO FALL INTO TEACUP (F). SPRING (G) MAKES BALL REBOUND INTO CUP (H) PULLING ON STRING (I) WHICH RELEASES STICK (J), CAUSING SHELF (K) TO 'COLLAPSE. MILK CAN (L) DROPS ON LADLE (M) AND TENSION ON STRING (N) TILTS SHOE (O) AGAINST JIGGER ON SELTZER BOTTLE (P), SQUIRTING SELTZER ON ASH-CAN SPANIEL WHO HASN'T HAD A BATH IN FOUR YEARS. SURPRISE CAUSES HIM TO TURN THREE SOMERSAULTS OVER APPARATUS (R) AND WATER SPLASHES NATURALLY INTO BOWLS, RUNNING THROUGH SPRAY (S) WATERING PALM (T), AND SAVING YOURSELF A TRIP TO HAVANA FOR TROPICAL ATMOSPHERE.



Self-Working Corkscrew by Rube Goldberg

WHEN YOU SAY "HAVE A DRINK", NATURAL MOTION OF HAND (A) PULLS STRING (B) AND LIFTS LID (C), RELEASING VODKA FUMES (D) WHICH MAKE RUSSIAN DANCING-BUG (E) FEEL GIDDY - HE STARTS DANCING NATIONL DANCE OF RUSSIA AND REVOLVES PLATFORM (F) - PULLEY (G) TURNS CORK-SCREW (H) AND IT SINKS INTO CORK (I) BRINGING DOWN DISC (J), WHICH HITS SURFACE (K) AND CAUSES WOODEN HAND TO PUSH IRON BALL (M) OFF SUPPORT (N), CAUSING CORD (O) TO PULL CORKSCREW WITH CORK FROM BOTTLE.



The Inventions of Professor Lucifer G. Butts, A.K.

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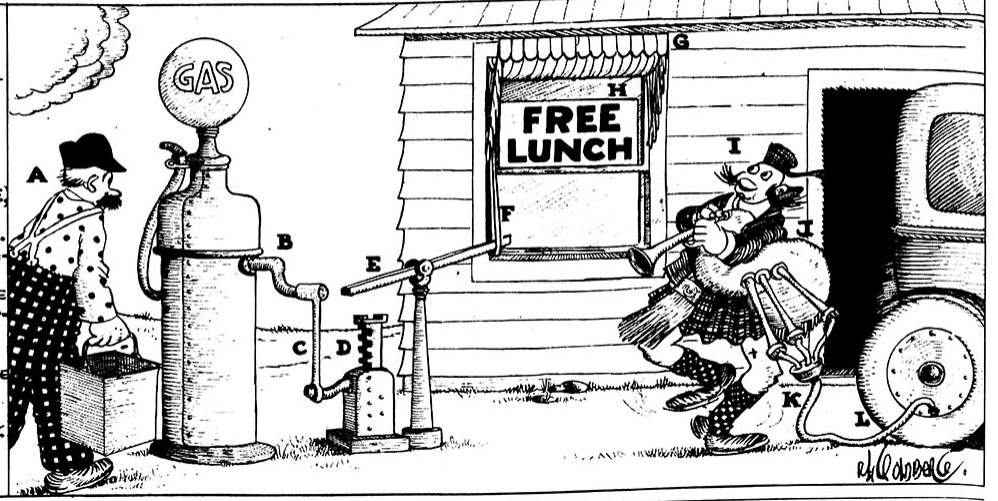
PROFESSOR BUTTS BRUSHES HIS HAIR AND AN IDEA FOR A SELF-WORKING TIRE PUMP IS FOUND AMONG THE DANDRUFF.

MECHANIC (A) GOES TO GET GASOLINE AND TURNS PUMP HANDLE (B) WHICH WORKS PISTON ROD (C) AND RAISES JACK (D). JACK, PUSHING AGAINST BAR (E) CAUSES IT TO PULL ROPE (F) AND RAISE AWNING (G), EXPOSING SIGN (H). SCOTCHMAN (I), SEEING SIGN ANNOUNCING THE DISTRIBUTION OF FREE LUNCH, PLAYS FAST TUNE ON BAGPIPE (J) IN A JOYOUS DELIRIUM AND ESCAPING AIR GOES INTO ATTACHED HOSE (K) INFLATING TIRE (L).

OF COURSE, YOU DONT HAVE TO SERVE FREE LUNCH BECAUSE, BY THE TIME THE SCOTCHMAN FINDS IT OUT, THE AUTOMOBILE WILL BE WELL ON ITS WAY.

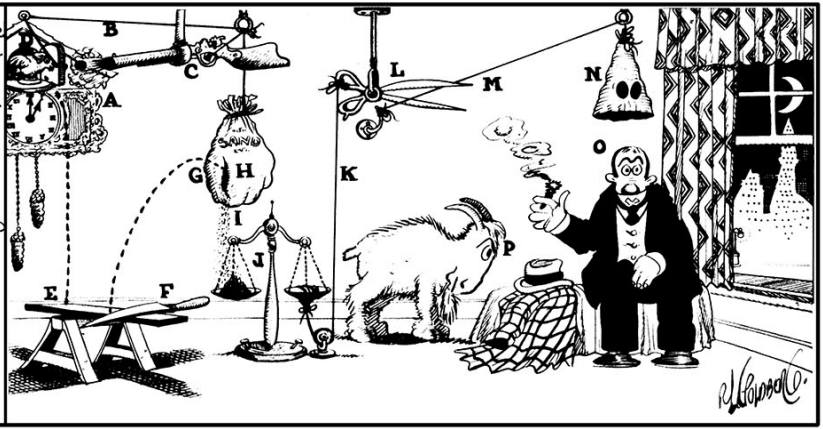


Sending A Late-Stayer Home

MAN IN RESTAURANT MISTAKES PROFESSOR BUTTS FOR A HERRING, SPRINKLES PEPPER ON HIM AND HE SNEEZES UP AN IDEA FOR SENDING A LATE-STAYER HOME.

AT 1 A.M. DOOR OF CUCKOO CLOCK (A) OPENS CAUSING STRING (B) TO PULL TRIGGER OF GUN (C) AND SHOOT CUCKOO (D), WHICH FALLS ON BOARD (E), WEIGHT OF CUCKOO THROWS KNIFE (F) AGAINST SAND BAG (G) CUTTING HOLE (H) IN BAG ALLOWING SAND (I) TO RUN DOWN ON SCALE (J). CORD (K) CLOSES SHEARS (L) WHICH CUT STRING (M) ALLOWING MASK (N) TO DESCEND OVER VICTIM'S HEAD (O). LODGE GOAT (P) THINKING THAT LATE-STAYER IS BEING INITIATED BUTTS HIM OUT INTO THE STREET.

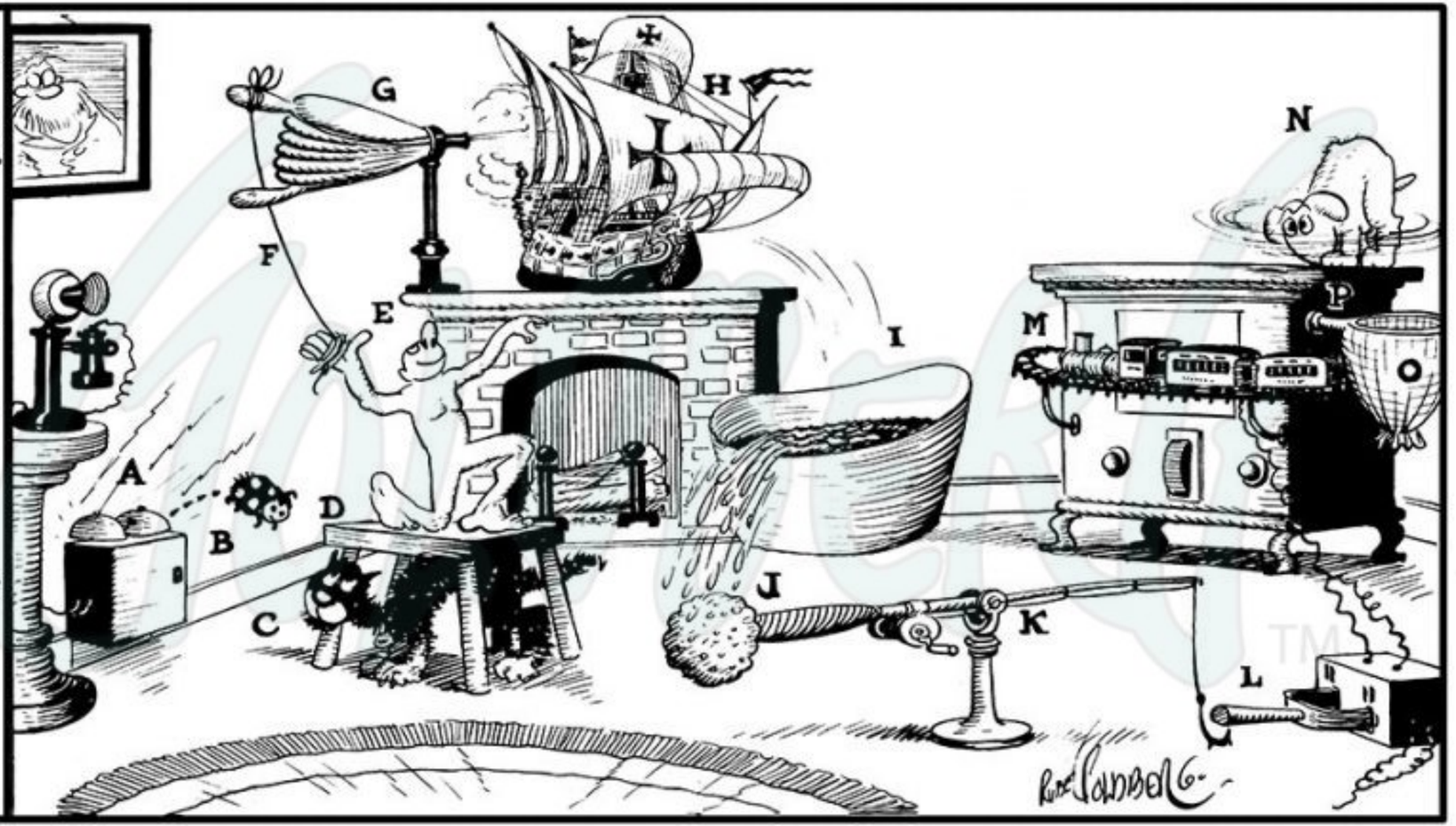
DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIS HAT AND COAT AS HE WILL NOT NEED THEM IN THE HOSPITAL.



Shut off the Radio

PROFESSOR BUTTS TAKES UP BOXING AND KNOCKS HIMSELF OUT. BEFORE HE WAKES UP HE WORKS OUT AN INVENTION TO SHUT OFF THE RADIO SO YOU CAN ANSWER THE TELEPHONE WITHOUT YELLING. AS PHONE BELL (A) RINGS IT SCARES COCK-ROACH (B) WHICH JUMPS. CAT (C) BECOMES FRIGHTENED AND HUMPS IT'S BACK, UPSETTING STOOL (D) WHICH UPSETS STATUE (E), THERE BY PULLING CORD (F) WHICH CAUSES BELLOWS (G) TO BLOW WIND AGAINST SHIP (H). SHIP SAILS OFF MANTEL INTO BABY BATH TUB (I) WHICH SPLASHES WATER ON SPONGE (J). ADDED WEIGHT OF WATER CAUSES FISHING ROD (K) TO TILT AND PULL SWITCH (L) WHICH STARTS TOY ELECTRIC TRAIN (M) ON CIRCULAR TRACK. AS WOOZLE BEAST (N) WATCHES TRAIN GOING AROUND HE BECOMES DIZZY AND FALLS INTO NET (O) WHICH PULLS DOWN SWITCH (P) TURNING OFF RADIO.

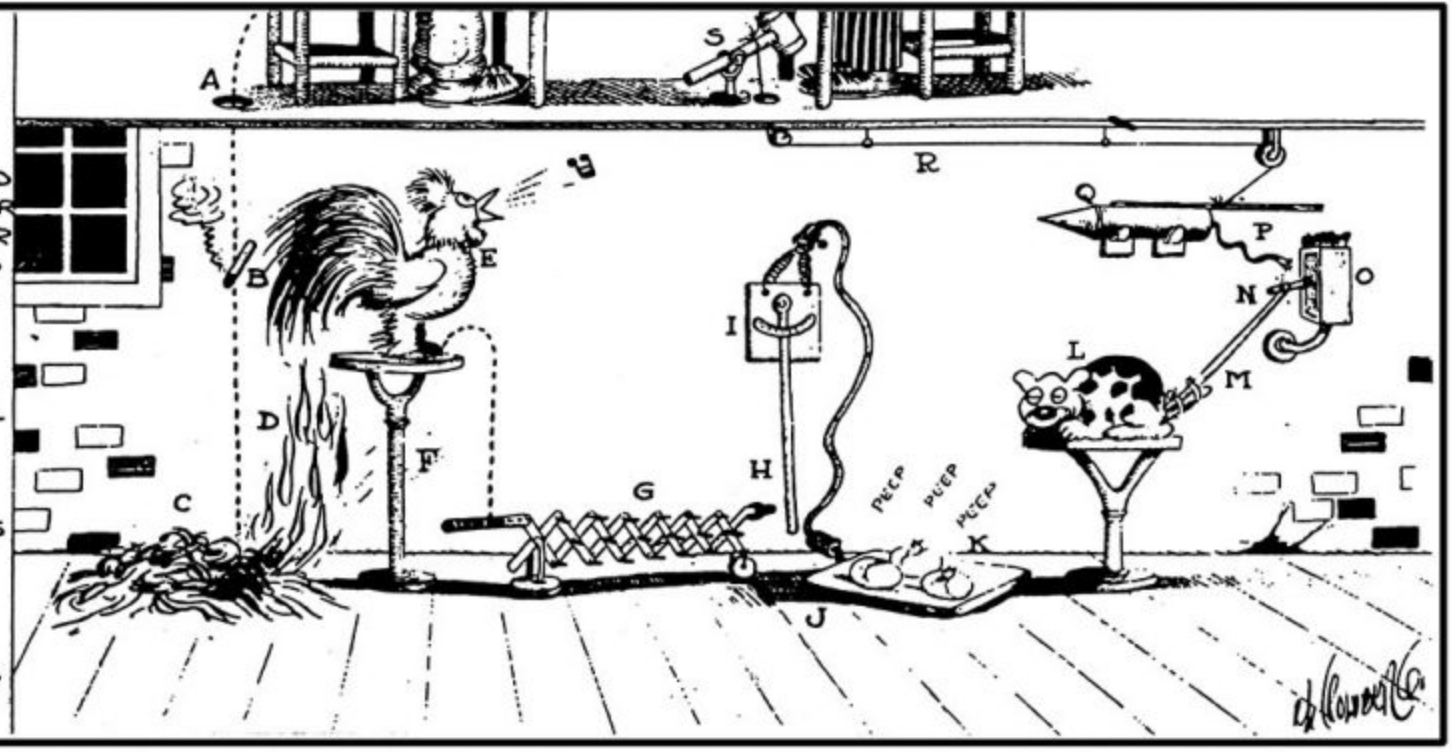
IF IT IS A WRONG NUMBER, AFTER GOING TO ALL THIS TROUBLE, THEN SIMPLY COMMIT SUICIDE AND YOU WILL NOT BE BOTHERED BY THE PROBLEM AGAIN.



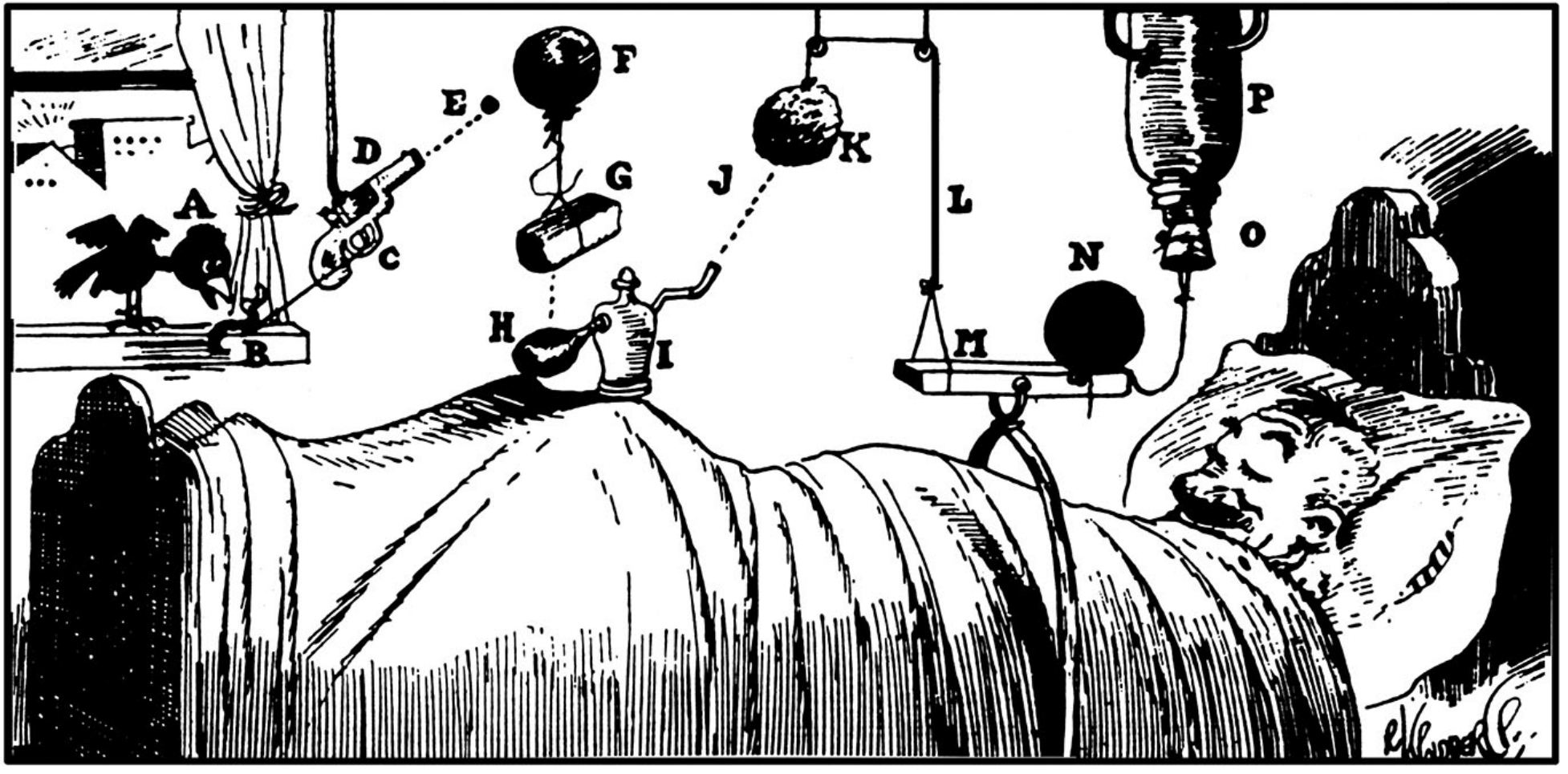
Signal Your Partner When it's Time to Lead Spades

GREATEST BRIDGE PROBLEM SOLVED! PROFESSOR BUTTS SHOWS HOW TO SIGNAL YOUR PARTNER WHEN IT IS TIME TO LEAD SPADES.

THROUGH HOLE IN FLOOR (A) DROP LIGHTED CIGARETTE (B) WHICH SETS FIRE TO EXCELSIOR (C). FLAME (D) MAKES GLOW WHICH ROOSTER (E) MISTAKES FOR DAWN. HE CROWS AND JUMPS FROM ROOST (F) LANDING ON HAT-RACK (G) WHICH EXPANDS AND PUSHES LEVER (H) CAUSING SWITCH (I) TO HEAT ELECTRIC PAD (J) AND HATCH EGGS (K). YOUNG CHICKS SAY "PEEP, PEEP." SENTIMENTAL SPANIEL (L) IS TOUCHED BY CUTE SIGHT AND WAGS TAIL WITH DELIGHT, MOVING STICK (M), CAUSING MATCH (N) TO STRIKE ON BOX (O), AND LIGHT FUSE (P) ROCKET (Q) MOVES FORWARD PULLING STRING (R) BRINGING MALLET (S) DOWN ON PARTNER'S FOOT AND GIVING HIM THE REQUIRED SIGNAL. BEFORE STARTING THE GAME BE SURE YOUR CORNS ARE NOT TENDER.



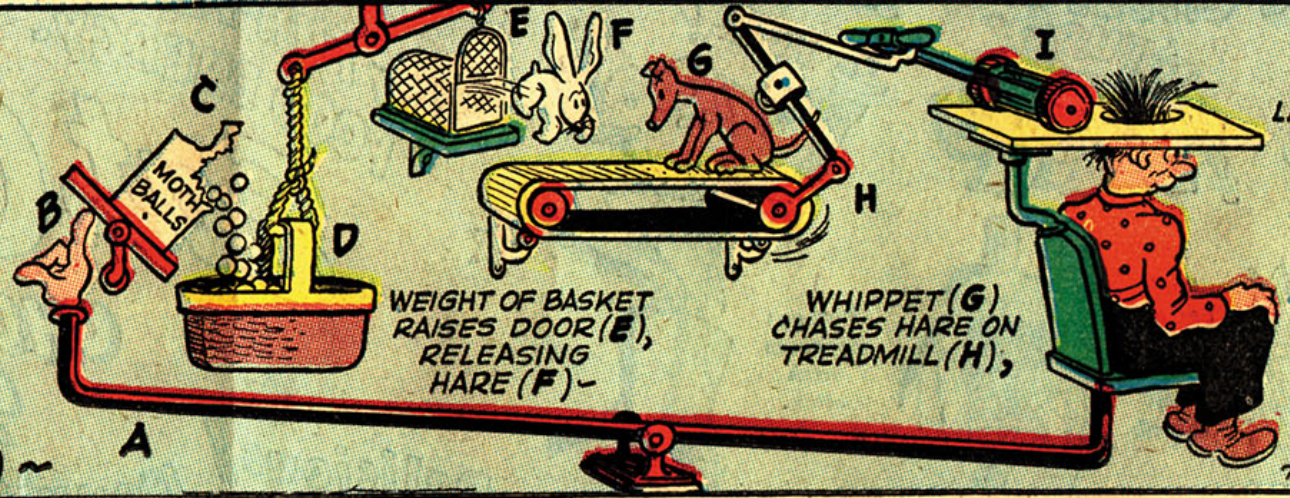
Simple Alarm Clock



The early bird (**A**) arrives and catches worm (**B**), pulling string (**C**) and shooting off pistol (**D**). Bullet (**E**) busts balloon (**F**), dropping brick (**G**) on bulb (**H**) of atomizer (**I**) and shooting perfume (**J**) on sponge (**K**)–As sponge gains in weight, it lowers itself and pulls string (**L**), raising end of board (**M**)–Cannon ball (**N**) drops on nose of sleeping gentleman–String tied to cannon ball releases cork (**O**) of vacuum bottle (**P**) and ice water falls on sleeper's face to assist the cannon ball in its good work.

WEEKLY INVENTION

SIMPLE DEVICE FOR CUTTING YOUR OWN HAIR..


WHEN YOU SIT DOWN FOR HAIRCUT, BEAM (A) CAUSES HAND (B) TO UPSET BOX OF MOTH BALLS (C) INTO BASKET (D) ~
MOTH BALLS
WEIGHT OF BASKET RAISES DOOR (E), RELEASING HARE (F) -
WHIPPET (G) CHASES HARE ON TREADMILL (H),
MOVING SMALL LAWNMOWER (I) BACK AND FORTH AND GIVING YOU A FIRST-CLASS COLLEGIATE HAIRCUT!
A
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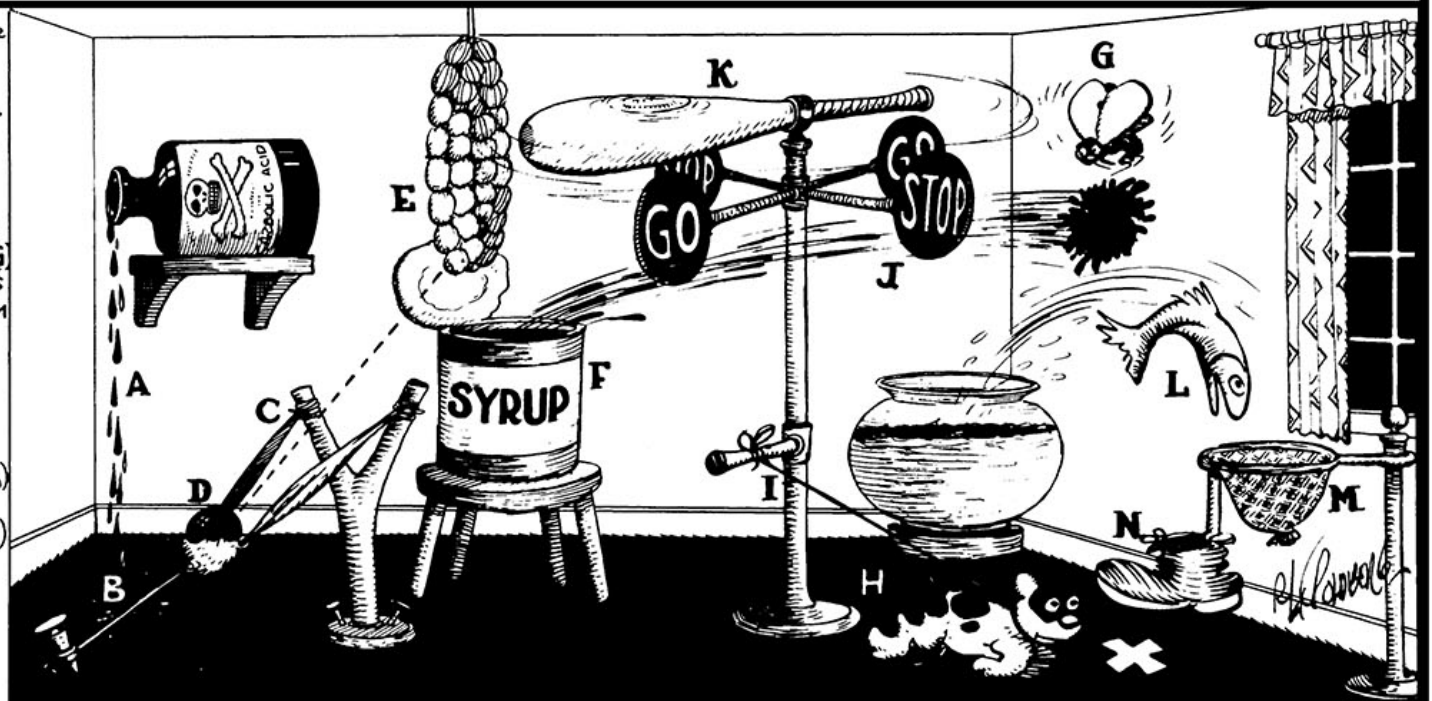
RUBE GOLDBERG

Simple Fly Swatter by Rube Goldberg

A safe falls on the head of Professor Butts and knocks out an idea for his latest simple fly swatter. Carbolic acid (A) drips on string (B) causing it to break and release elastic of bean shooter (C) which projects ball (D) into bunch of garlic (E) causing it to fall into syrup can (F) and splash syrup violently against side wall. Fly (G) buzzes with glee and goes for syrup, his favorite dish. Butler-dog (H) mistakes hum of fly's wings for door buzzer and runs to meet visitor, pulling rope (I) which turns stop-go signal (J) and causes baseball bat (K) to sock fly who falls to floor unconscious.

As fly drops to floor pet trout (L) jumps for him, misses, and lands in net (M). Weight of fish forces shoe (N) down on fallen fly and puts him out of the running for all time.

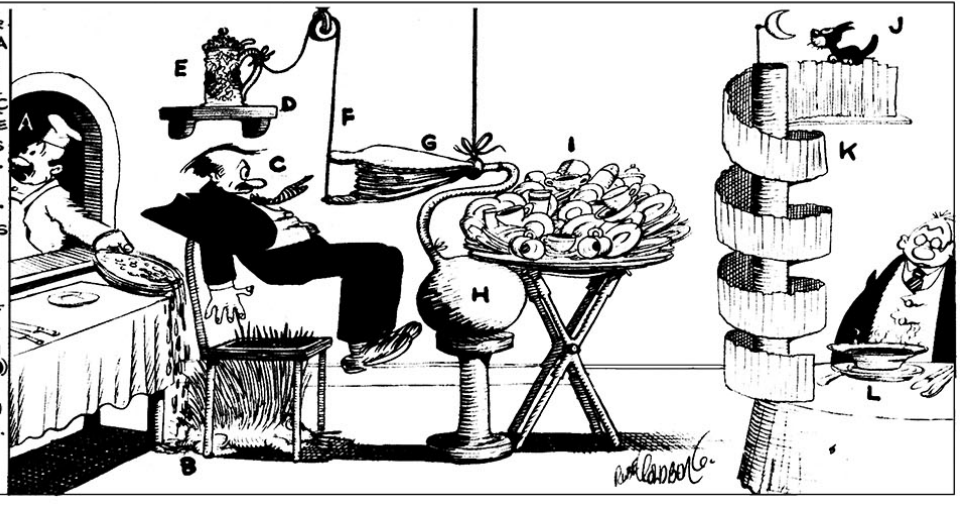
If the fish catches the fly, the shoe can be used for cracking nuts.



Simple Idea for Cooling Soup

PROFESSOR BUTTS, TAKING HIS MORNING EXERCISE, KICKS HIMSELF IN THE NOSE AND SEES A SIMPLE IDEA FOR COOLING A PLATE OF SOUP. CHEF (A) CARELESSLY SPILLS DISH OF HOT CHILI CON CARNE (B) WHICH SCALDS PET PORCUPINE (C) WHO RAISES HIS QUILLS IN PAIN. QUILLS COME THROUGH CANE BOTTOM CHAIR (D) AND CAUSES PROPRIETOR (E) TO JUMP AND HIT SHELF (F) UPSETTING BEER STEIN (G). AS STEIN DROPS IT PULLS STRING (H) CAUSING BELLOWS (I) TO INFLATE GAS BAG (J) WHICH SWELLS AND UPSETS TRAY (K) THROWING DISHES (L) TO THE FLOOR WITH A TERRIFIC CRASH. LOVE-SICK ALLEY CAT (M) THINKING SOME ONE IS THROWING THINGS AT HIM, RUNS IN FRIGHT ON TOP OF CIRCULAR FENCE (N) HE IS COMPLETELY EXHAUSTED WHEN HE REACHES THE BOTTOM AND STANDS PUFFING IN FRONT OF SOUP (O) UNTIL IT IS COOLED.

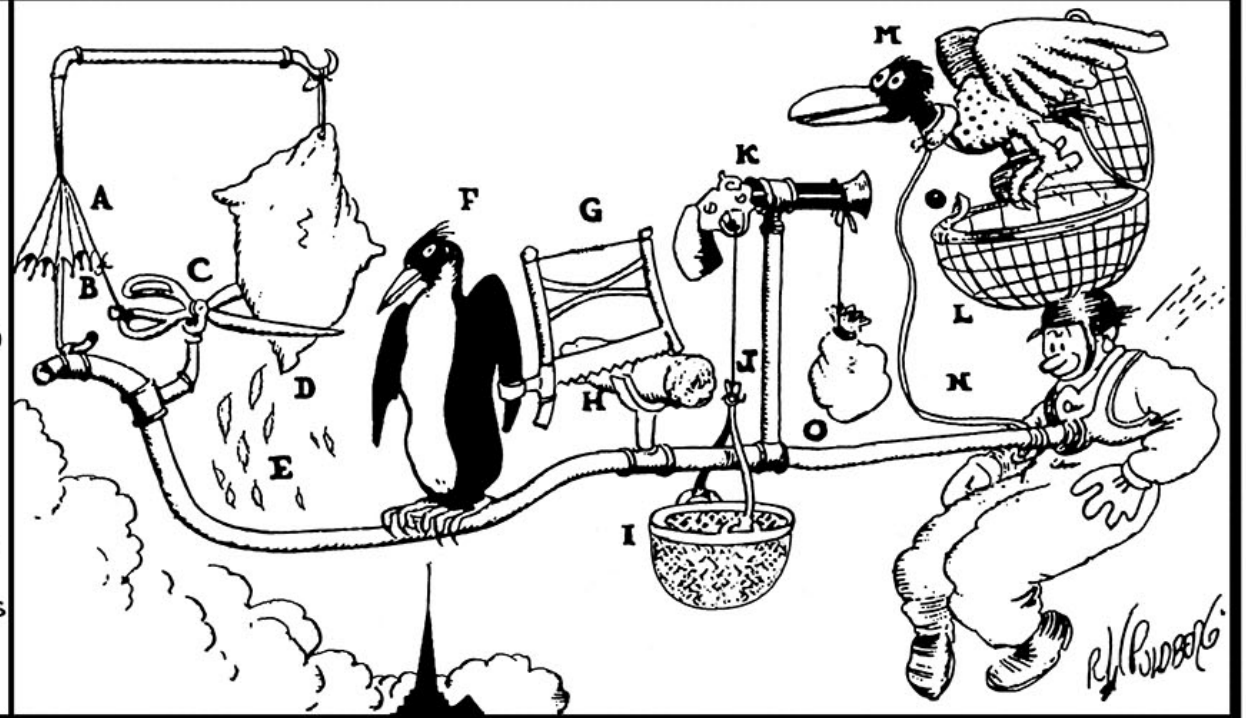
AFTER THE MEAL THE PORCUPINE CAN SPARE A FEW QUILLS FOR TOOTHPICKS.



A Simple Parachute by Rube Goldberg

PROFESSOR BUTTS GETS HIS WHISKERS CAUGHT IN A LAUNDRY WRINGER AND AS HE COMES OUT THE OTHER END HE THINKS OF AN IDEA FOR A SIMPLE PARACHUTE. AS AVIATOR JUMPS FROM PLANE FORCE OF WIND OPENS UMBRELLA (A) WHICH PULLS CORD (B) AND CLOSES SHEARS (C), CUTTING OFF CORNER OF FEATHER PILLOW (D). AS WHITE FEATHERS (E) FLY FROM PILLOW, PENGUIN (F) MISTAKES THEM FOR SNOW FLAKES AND FLAPS HIS WINGS FOR JOY WHICH DRAWS BUCK-SAW (G) BACK AND FORTH CUTTING LOG OF WOOD (H). AS PIECE OF WOOD FALLS INTO BASKET (I) ITS WEIGHT CAUSES ROPE (J) TO PULL TRIGGER OF GUN (K) WHICH EXPLODES AND SHOOTS LOCK FROM CAGE (L) RELEASING GIANT UMPHA BIRD (M) WHICH FLIES AND KEEPS AVIATOR AFLOAT WITH ROPE (N). AVIATOR BREAKS PAPER BAG OF CORN (O) CAUSING CORN TO FALL TO GROUND. WHEN BIRD SWOOPS DOWN TO EAT CORN, FLIER, UNHOOKS APPARATUS AND WALKS HOME.

THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IS WHERE TO GET THE UMPHA BIRD. WRITE YOUR CONGRESSMAN.



Our Simple Sardine Trap

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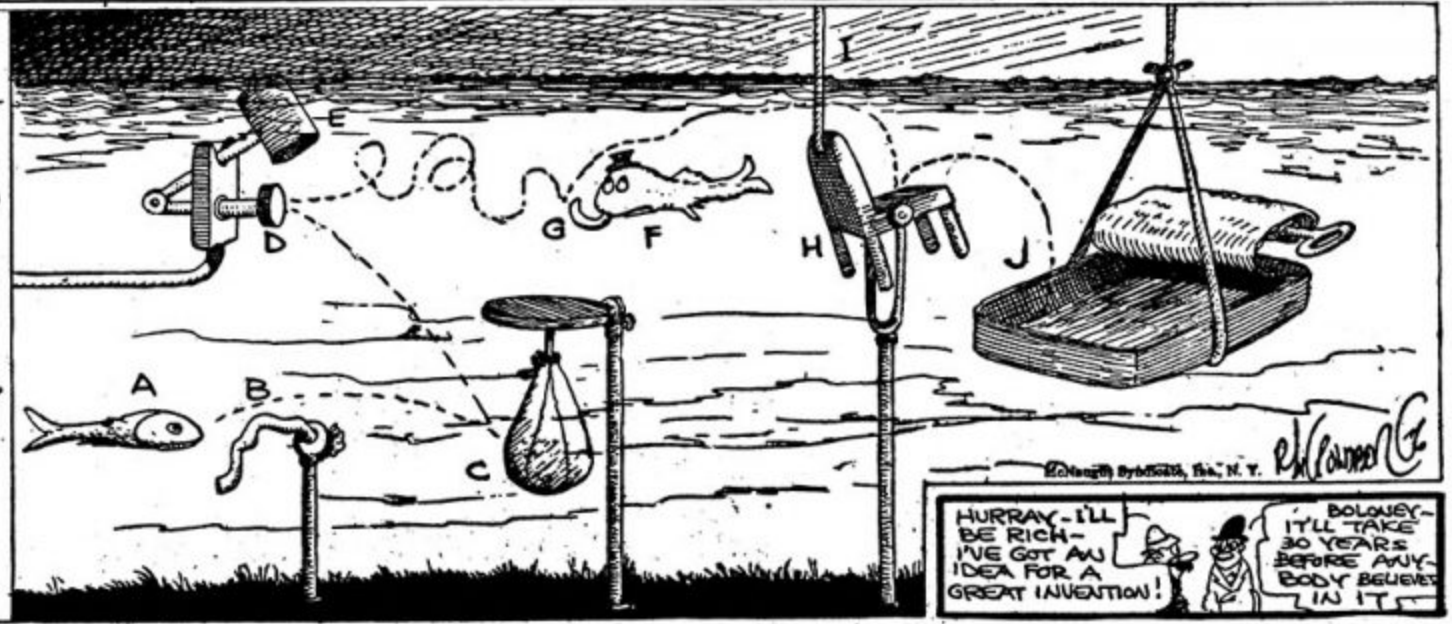
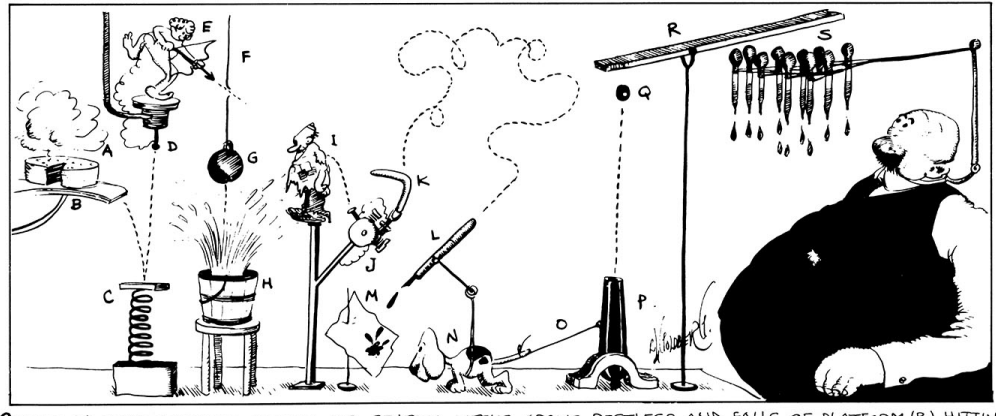
By Rube Goldberg

SARDINE (A) MISTAKES PIECE OF RUBBER (B) FOR WORM, PULLS IT AND REBOUNDS OVER TO PUNCHING BAG (C) - BAG COMES BACK AND BOUNCES SARDINE AGAINST BUTTON (D), CAUSING HAMMER (E) TO HIT IT ON HEAD - DAZED SARDINE STAGGERS AND MEETS PROHIBITION-FISH (F) - PROHIBITION-FISH PUNISHES SARDINE BY STICKING HIM WITH SHARP CLAW (G) - SARDINE, WEARY FROM EXCITING ADVENTURES, SITS DOWN IN CHAIR (H) - YOU PULL STRING (I), TIPPING CHAIR AND PROJECTING SARDINE INTO REGULATION SARDINE CAN (J) WHERE IT DIES FROM EXHAUSTION - IT WILL TAKE SOME PRACTICE TO GET THE SARDINES EVENLY IN THE CANS.



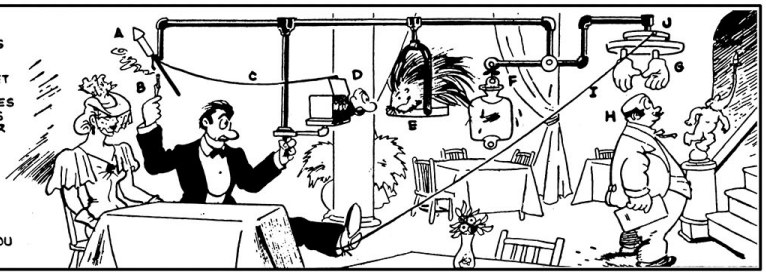


CHEESE (A), AFTER STANDING AROUND FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, GROWS RESTLESS AND FALLS OF PLATFORM (B), HITTING SPRING (C) AND BOUNCING AGAINST ELECTRIC BUTTON (D) WHICH RELEASES ARROW HELD BY MECHANICAL CUPID (E) - ARROW CUTS STRING (F) DROPPING WEIGHT (G) INTO BUCKET OF WATER (H) - WATER SPLASHES ON TRAMP (I) WHO FAINTS FROM THE SHOCK AND DROPS AGAINST BOOMERANG-THROWING MACHINE (J) - BOOMERANG (K) SHOOTS ALL OVER THE PLACE AND FINALLY STRIKES END OF FOUNTAIN PEN (L) KNOCKING INK-BLOT ON PAPER (M) - ERASER-HOUND (N) JUMPS AT PAPER TO RUB OUT INK-BLOT WITH HIS NOSE - STRING (O) SETS OFF AEROPLANE GUN (P) - BULLET (Q) HITS BOARD (R) WHICH SQUEEZES BULBS ON END OF DROPPERS (S) - DROPPERS CONTAIN INK THE SAME COLOR AS THE GRAVY SPOT - THE INK DROPS FALL ALL OVER VEST MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO TELL WHICH ONE OF THE SPOTS IS GRAVY - AND YOU HAVE A FANCY VEST IN THE BARGAIN.

WEEKLY INVENTION

SIMPLE WAY TO ATTRACT A WAITER'S ATTENTION:-

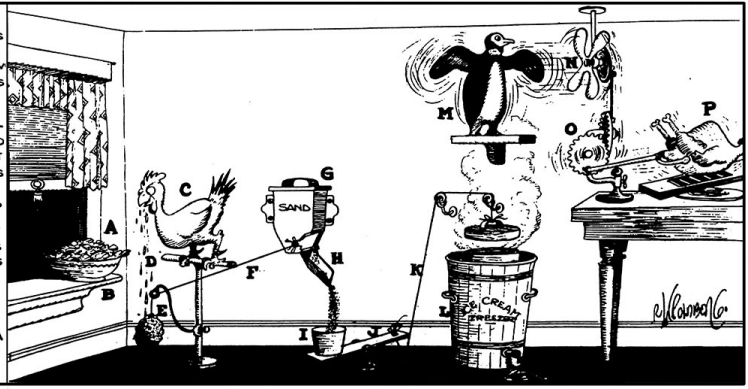
LIGHT SKYROCKET (A) WITH CIGARETTE (B) -WHEN SKYROCKET GOES OFF, STRING (C) OPENS JACK-IN-THE-BOX (D) WHICH SCARES PORCUPINE (E) -PORCUPINE RAISES QUILLS WHICH PUNCTURE HOT WATER BAG (F), LETTING OUT WATER AND DIMINISHING WEIGHT SO THAT HANDS (G) DROP AT SIDES OF WAITER'S FACE (H)— YOU QUICKLY JERK STRING (I) WHICH REVOLVES DISC (J) AND TURNS WAITER'S HEAD SO THAT HE CAN SEE YOU BEFORE YOU STARVE.



Simple way to carve a turkey. This invention fell off the professor's head with the rest of the dandruff.

Put bowl of chicken salad (A) on window sill (B) to cool. Rooster (C) recognizes his wife in salad and is overcome with grief. His tears (D) saturate sponge (E), pulling string (F) which releases trap door (G) and allows sand to run down trough (H) into pail (I). Weight raises end of see-saw (J) which makes cord (K) lift cover of ice cream freezer (L). Penguin (M) feeling chill, thinks he is at the North Pole and flaps wings for joy, thereby fanning propeller (N) which revolves and turns cogs (O) which in turn causes turkey (P) to slide back and forth over cabbage-cutter until it is sliced to a frazzle —

Don't get discouraged if the turkey gets pretty well messed up. It's a cinch it would have eventually become turkey hash anyway.



Simple Way to Catch a Fish -:- -:- -:- By Rube Goldberg

FISH (A) SEES SELF IN MIRROR (B). HE THINKS IT IS HIS TWIN BROTHER AND SWIMS UP TO KISS HIM, PUSHING MIRROR AGAINST BUTTON (C) AND STARTING TOY SUBMARINE (D). SUBMARINE TRAVELS TO BULB (E) CONTAINING WATER, PRESSES IT AND CAUSES WATER TO GO THROUGH HOSE (F) AND FALL INTO BOWL (G) - WEIGHT OF WATER CAUSES STRING (H) TO CLOSE SCISSORS (I) AND CUT ROPE (I), DROPPING DEPTH BOMB (J) INTO WATER AND KILLING FISH - THE BEST PART OF THIS METHOD IS THAT THERE WILL BE NO BONES, IF YOU CAN FIND THE FISH.

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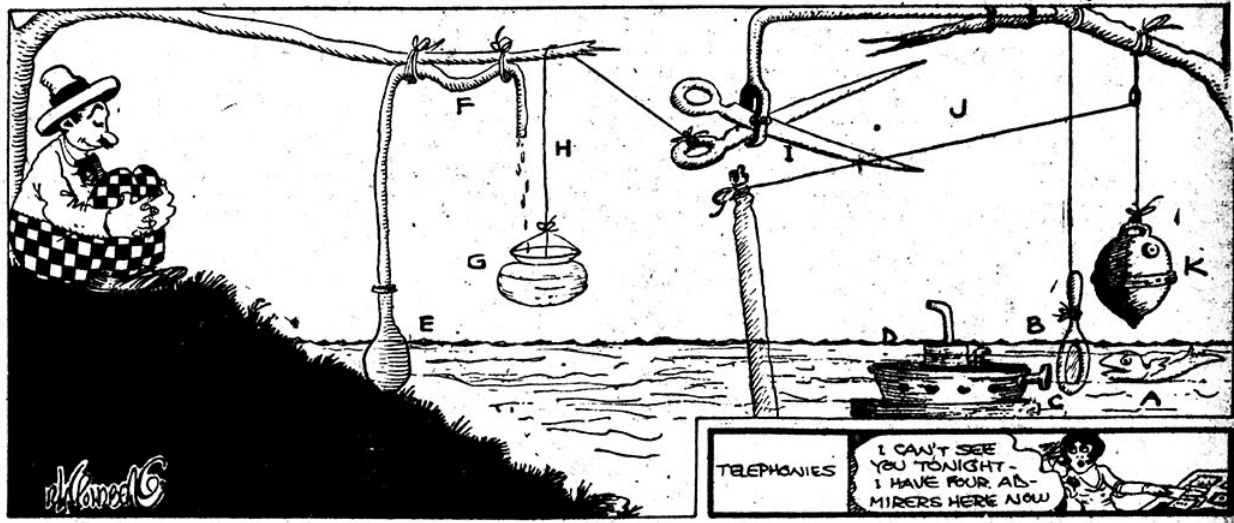
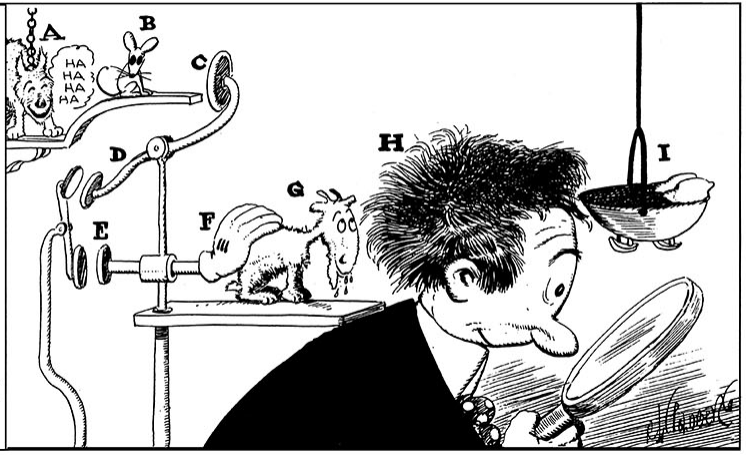


LAUGHING HYENA (A) LAUGHS - BLIND MOUSE (B) THINKS HYENA IS LAUGHING AT HIM, GETS INSULTED, WALKS OFF AND BUMPS INTO DISC (C) MOTION OF DISC IS TRANSFERRED THROUGH SERIES OF RODS AND DISCS (D-E) TO STUFFED GLOVE (F), WHICH PUSHES WEAK, STARVING LILLIPUTIAN GOAT (G) AGAINST HEAD (H) - GOAT MOVES FORWARD AND EATS OFF HAIR UNTIL HE FALLS OVER INTO GOAT CRADLE (I) ON OTHER SIDE WHEN HE IS FULL.

N.B. ONE ORDINARY HEAD OF HAIR IS JUST ENOUGH TO FILL A REGULATION LILLIPUTIAN GOAT.

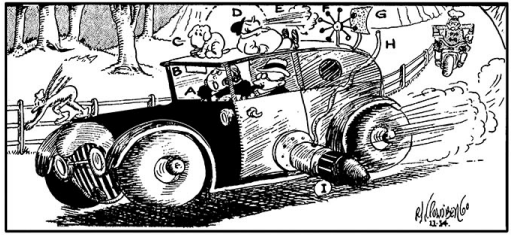


FOOLISH QUESTIONS-NO. 17,305

O, MINERVA, DO YOU WEAR A SWITCH?
NO, I'M IN LOVE WITH A MAN WHO OWNS A MERRY-GO-ROUND AND HE GAVE ME ONE OF THE HOBBY-HORSES' TAILS FOR A KEEPSAKE

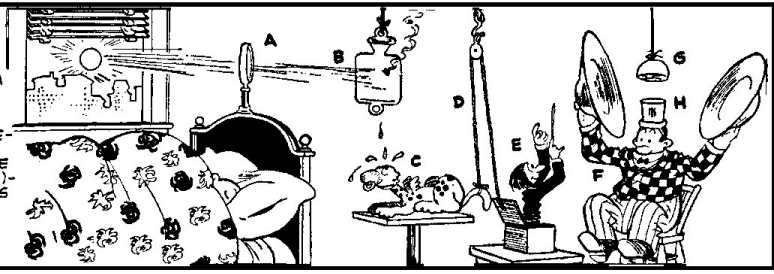
THATS LIFE

PROFESSOR LUCIFER GORGONZOLA BUTTS A.K. DOPES OUT SIMPLE WAY TO ESCAPE MOTORCYCLE COP - WIFE (A) SEES PURSUING COP IN MIRROR (B) AND SCREAMS, SCARING DOG (C) - DOG JUMPS AND LANDS ON STOMACH OF FAT DWARF (D) - DWARF GRUNTS AND AIR (E) REVOLVES WHEEL (F) COMPOSED OF ORDINARY MATCHES - MATCHES RUB ON SAND-PAPER (G), IGNITING FUSE (H) AND SETTING OFF SMOKE BOMB (I) - SMOKE BOMB LEAVES CAR AT RIGHT ANGLES AND COP FOLLOWS TRAIL OF SMOKE DOWN SIDE ROAD - THINKING IT IS YOUR CAR - IF THE BOMB IS OFF LINE AND HITS THE COP THAT WILL BE ALL RIGHT, TOO.



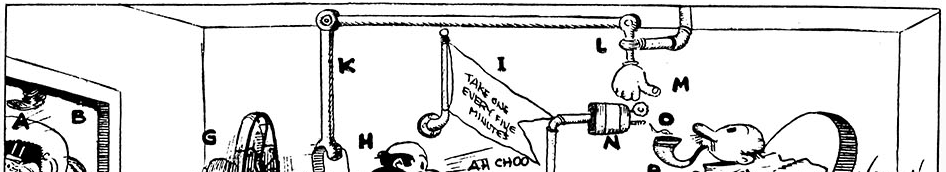
WEEKLY INVENTION

SIMPLE WAY TO GET FRESH ORANGE JUICE UPON AWAKENING— SUN'S RAYS, SHINING THROUGH MAGNIFYING GLASS (A), BURN HOLE IN HOT WATER BAG (B)— DRIPPING WATER GIVES PET ALBANIAN OOK (C) A HEADACHE— HE LEAVES TO GET ASPIRIN, CAUSING STRING (D) TO RELEASE JUMPING JACK BAND LEADER (E)— MUSICIAN (F) BRINGS CYMBALS TOGETHER. SQUEEZING JUICE OUT OF ORANGE (G) INTO GLASS (H) !



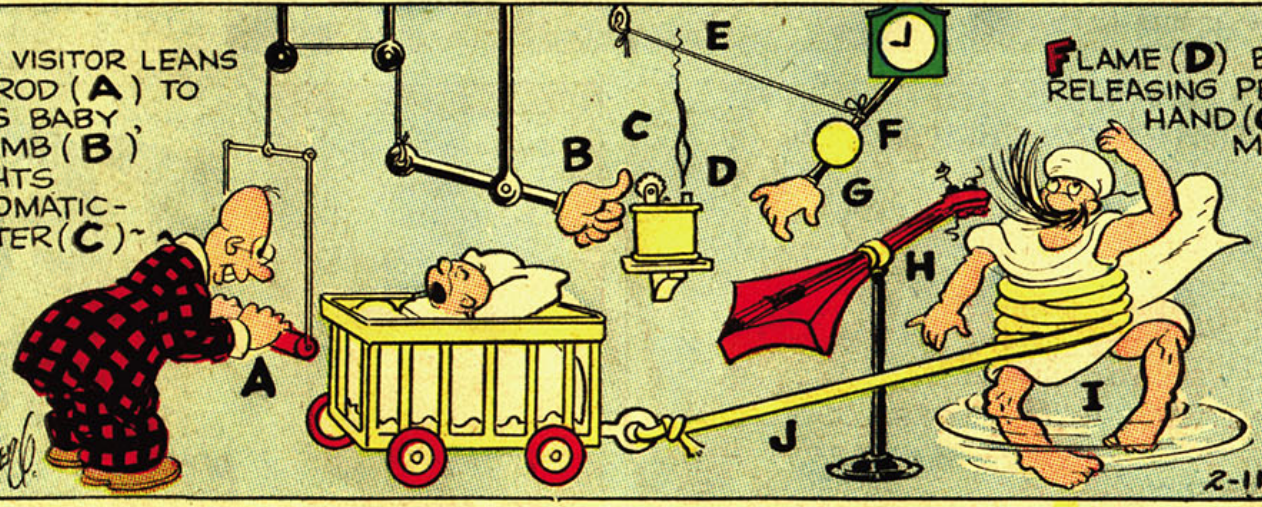
Simple Way to Keep a Pipe Lit -:- -:- -:- By Rube Goldberg

JUNE BRIDE AND GROOM (A) PASS IN TAXI (B) AMIDST SHOWER OF RICE AND OLD SHOES (C) - SHOE (D) FLIES THROUGH WINDOW (E) HITTING SWITCH (F) WHICH TURNS ON ELECTRIC FAN (G) CAUSING DWARF (H) TO CATCH COLD - BREEZE FROM FAN UNFURLS BANNER (I) ON WHICH IS WRITTEN "TAKE ONE PILL EVERY FIVE MINUTES" - DWARF REACHES FOR PILL, TIPPING ROCKER (J), CAUSING ROD (K) TO PUSH LEVER (L) AND MAKING THUMB (M) TURN WHEEL OF CIGAR LIGHTER (N) WHICH STARTS FLAME (O) AND LIGHTS PIPE (P) - DWARF SNEEZES AND BLOWS OUT FLAME - THIS HAPPENS EVERY FIVE MINUTES UNTIL TOBACCO IS GONE AND THEN YOU CAN FALL ASLEEP OR GO OUT TO A MOVIE



WEEKLY INVENTION

SIMPLE WAY TO KEEP A VISITOR FROM KISSING THE BABY.


AS VISITOR LEANS ON ROD (A) TO KISS BABY, THUMB (B) LIGHTS AUTOMATIC-LIGHTER (C)—
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FLAME (D) BURNS STRING (E), RELEASING PENDULUM (F)— HAND (G) PLAYS ORIENTAL MUSIC ON INDIAN UKELELE (H)— WHIRLING DERVISH (I) STARTS WHIRLING, WINDING ROPE (J) AROUND HIMSELF AND PULLING CRIB AWAY FROM ADMIRING VISITOR!
RUBE GOLDBERG
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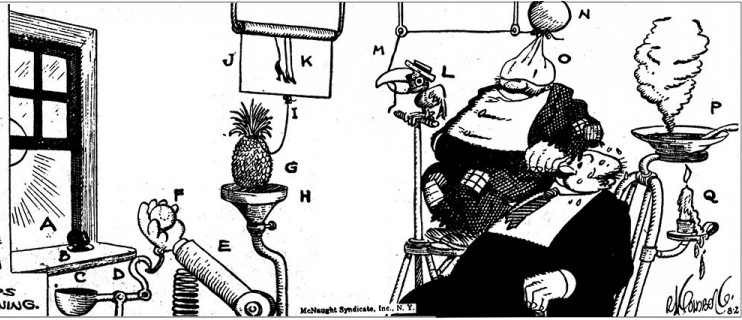
Simple Way to Keep Cool

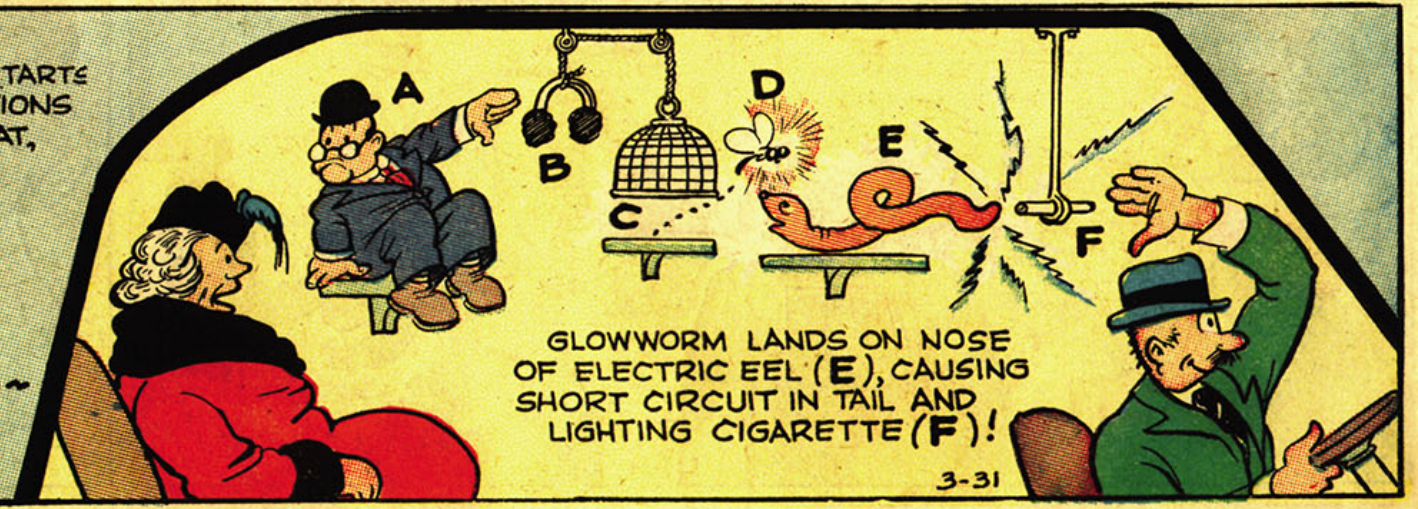
TERRIFIC HEAT FROM SUN SHRINKS PRUNE (A) UNTIL IT FALLS THROUGH HOLE (B) INTO CUP (C) CAUSING HOOK (D) TO RELEASE ARM (E) WHICH TOSSES BALL (F) AND KNOCKS PINEAPPLE (G) OFF SHELF (H) - STRING (I) PULLS DOWN SHADE (J) EXPOSING PICTURE OF BATHING BEAUTY (K) - QUAKER PARROT (L) OPENS MOUTH WITH SUPRISE, RELEASING STRING (M) AND ALLOWING BALLOON (N) TO RISE AND PULL BAG (O) OFF HUNGRY TRAMP'S HEAD - TRAMP SEES PLATE OF HOT SOUP (P), TRIES TO EAT IT BUT IT BURNS HIS TONGUE - THEN HE BLOWS ON IT AND BREEZE COOLS YOU OFF - CANDLE (Q) KEEPS SOUP HOT SO TRAMP WILL KEEP ON BLOWING.



WEEKLY INVENTION

SIMPLE WAY TO LIGHT CIGARETTE WHILE DRIVING AT SIXTY MILES AN HOUR..

WHEN WIFE STARTS GIVING INSTRUCTIONS FROM BACK SEAT, MIDGET (A) REACHES FOR EAR-MUFFS (B) LIFTING CAGE (C) AND RELEASING GLOWWORM (D)~



GLOWWORM LANDS ON NOSE OF ELECTRIC EEL (E), CAUSING SHORT CIRCUIT IN TAIL AND LIGHTING CIGARETTE (F)!

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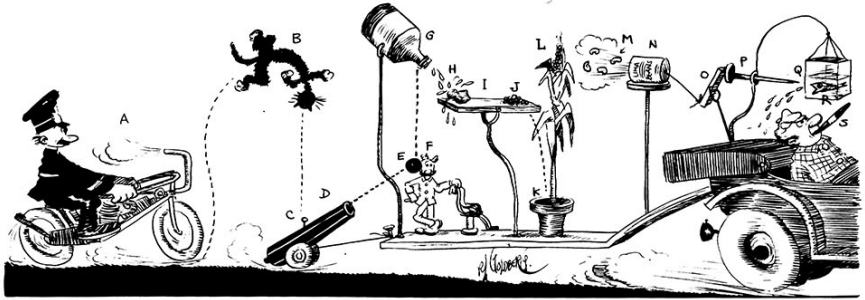
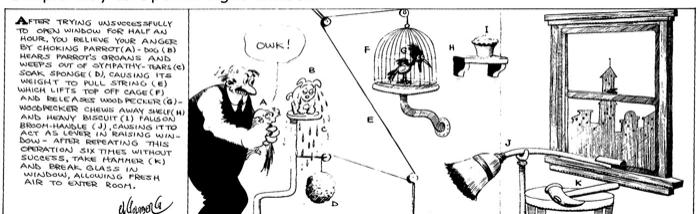


WHEN AUTOMOBILE SPEEDS AT FIFTY MILES AN HOUR MOTORCYCLE COP (A) STARTS IN PERSUIT - MOTORCYCLE HITS CAT (B) CAUSING IT TO FALL ON BUTTON (C) WHICH SETS OFF CANNON (D) - CANNON BALL (E) HITS IVORY DOME OF BARBER (F), BOUNCING OFF AND KNOCKING NECK OFF BOTTLE OF STRONG ACID (G) - ACID DROPS ON GOLD NUGGET (H) DISOLVING IT - WEIGHT OF KERNELS OF CORN (J) LOWER BOARD (I) AND FALL INTO FLOWER POT (K) - CORN GROWS TILL IT REACHES HEIGHT (L) - CAN (M) OF LIMA BEANS (M) JUMPS AT CORN ON ACCOUNT OF THE NATURAL AFFINITY FOR SUCCOTASH - STRING ON END OF CAN PULLS LEVER (O) WHICH PUSHES POINTER (P) INTO PAPER TANK (Q) HALF FILLED WITH WATER IN WHICH SARDINE (R) IS SWIMMING - POINTER PUNCTURES PAPER TANK, WATER RUNS OUT AND SARDINE CATCHES SEVERE COLD FROM EXPOSURE - SARDINE CONTRACTS A VERY HIGH FEVER THAT FINALLY SETS FIRE TO PAPER TANK AND LIGHTS CIGAR (S).

I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT
THIS CIGAR TASTES LIKE AN OLD SHOE - IT'S KILLING ME
IF I KNEW THE NAME OF THE MAN WHO MADE IT I'D HAVE HIM ARRESTED FOR MURDER
WHY DON'T YOU THROW IT AWAY?
I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT
CABBAGE

Simple Way to Open A Tight Window


AFTER TRYING UNSUCCESSFULLY TO OPEN WINDOW FOR HALF AN HOUR, YOU RELIEVE YOUR ANGGER BY CHOKING PARROT(A)- DOG (B) HEARS PARROT'S GROANS AND WEEPS OUT OF SYMPATHY- TEARS(C) SOAK SPONGE (D), CAUSING ITS WEIGHT TO PULL STRING (E) WHICH LIFTS TOP OFF CAGE(F) AND RELEASES WOODPECKER (G)- WOODPECKER CHEWS AWAY SHELF(H) AND HEAVY BISCUIT (I) FALLS ON BROOM-HANDLE (J), CAUSING IT TO ACT AS LEVER IN RAISING WINDOW - AFTER REPEATING THIS OPERATION SIX TIMES WITHOUT SUCCESS, TAKE HAMMER (K) AND BREAK GLASS IN WINDOW, ALLOWING FRESH AIR TO ENTER ROOM.
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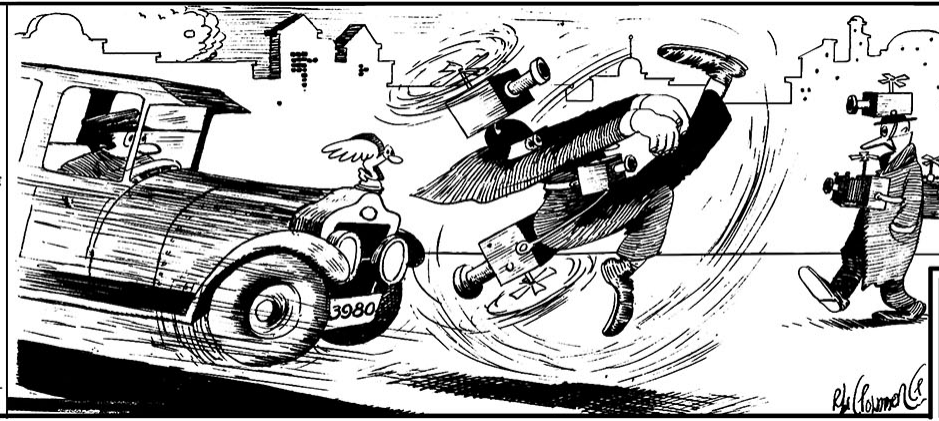
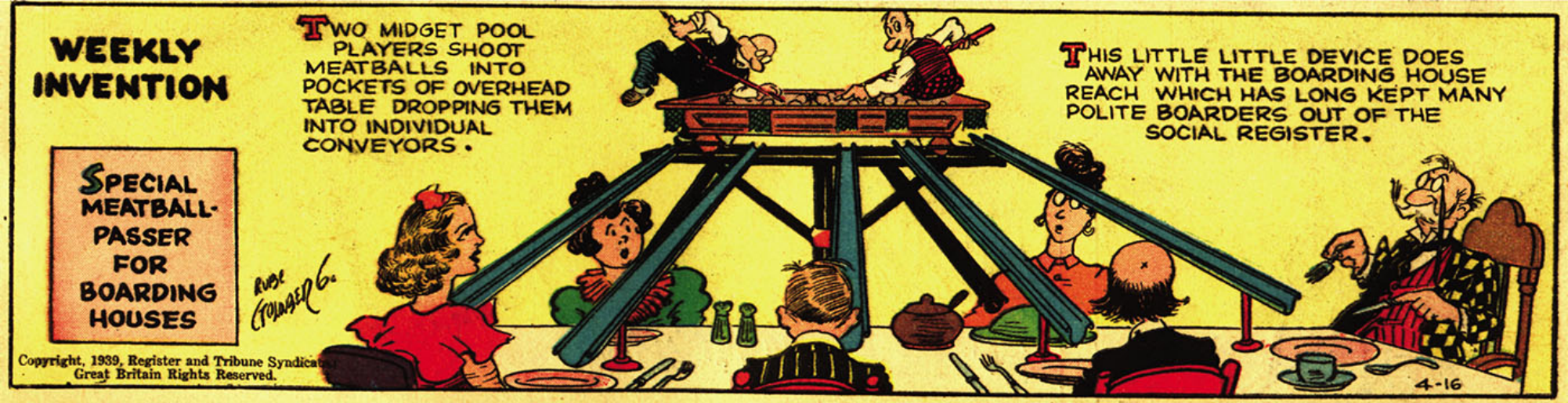
HERE IS A SIMPLE WAY TO PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST RECKLESS DRIVERS— AS YOU FLY THROUGH THE AIR, THE LITTLE FANS ON THE CAMERAS REVOLVE AND SNAP A PICTURE OF THE LICENSE NUMBER OF THE CAR THAT KNOCKS YOU DOWN— THIS MAKES IT EASY TO LOCATE THE OWNER SO YOU CAN SUE HIM WHEN YOU GET OUT OF THE HOSPITAL— THE CAMERAS ARE ARRANGED SO THE PHOTOGRAPH CAN BE TAKEN FROM ANY POSITION.



WEEKLY INVENTION

SPECIAL MEATBALL-PASSER FOR BOARDING HOUSES


TWO MIDGET POOL PLAYERS SHOOT MEATBALLS INTO POCKETS OF OVERHEAD TABLE DROPPING THEM INTO INDIVIDUAL CONVEYORS.
THIS LITTLE LITTLE DEVICE DOES AWAY WITH THE BOARDING HOUSE REACH WHICH HAS LONG KEPT MANY POLITE BOARDERS OUT OF THE SOCIAL REGISTER.
RUBE GOLDBERG
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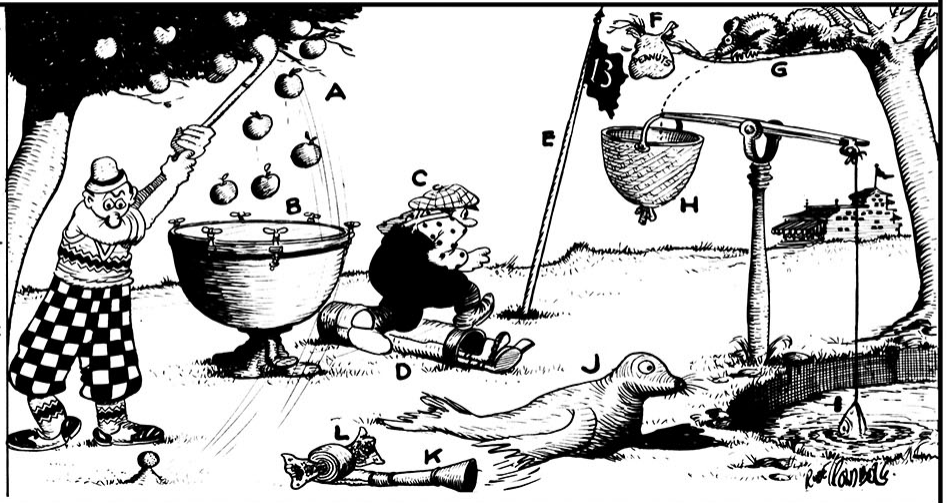
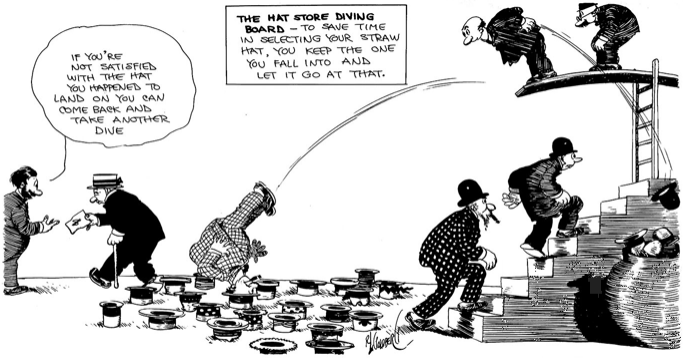
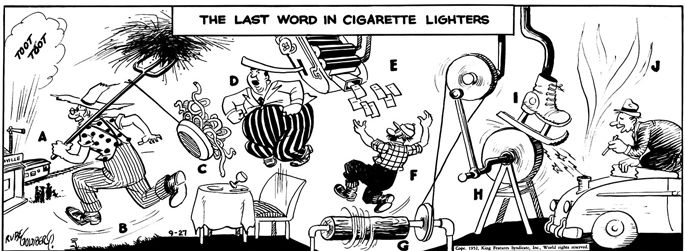
Sure Way to Keep the Head Down During A Golf Shot by Rube Goldberg

PROFESSOR BUTTS' LANDLADY HITS HIM OVER THE HEAD WITH A PITCHER FOR NONPAYMENT OF RENT AND HE DISCOVERS A SURE WAY TO KEEP THE HEAD DOWN DURING A GOLF SHOT. GOLFER(A) SWINGS CLUB(B) AND HITS BRANCH OF TREE(C) SHAKING APPLES DOWN ON KETTLE-DRUM(D). CADDIE(E) HEARING NOISE. THINKS A THUNDER STORM IS APPROACHING AND RUNS FOR CLUB HOUSE, STUMBLING OVER GOLF BAG AND PUSHING FLAG POLE(G) AGAINST BAG OF PEANUTS(H) WHICH BREAKS AND THROWS PEANUTS IN BASKET(I). AS SQUIRREL(J) JUMPS INTO BASKET TO GET THE PEANUTS, HIS WEIGHT RAISES END OF PADDLE(K) AND DRAWS FISH(L) OUT OF WATER HAZARD. HUNGRY SEAL(M) SEEING FISH FLAPS HIS FLIPPERS(N) FOR JOY AND CAUSES BREEZE TO ENTER FUNNEL(O) THEREBY BLOWING MARDI-GRAS TICKLER(P) WHICH STRAIGHTENS OUT AND DEPOSITS DOLLAR BILL(Q) NEXT TO GOLF BALL, FOCUSSING EYES OF PLAYER ON THIS SPOT DURING SWING.

IF YOU MISS THE BALL AND SWING INTO APPLE TREE OFTEN ENOUGH YOU CAN HAVE APPLE SAUCE FOR DINNER.




IF YOU'RE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE HAT YOU HAPPENED TO LAND ON YOU CAN COME BACK AND TAME ANOTHER DIVE
THE HAT STORE DIVING BOARD – TO SAVE TIME IN SELECTING YOUR STRAW HAT, YOU KEEP THE ONE YOU FALL INTO AND LET IT GO AT THAT.

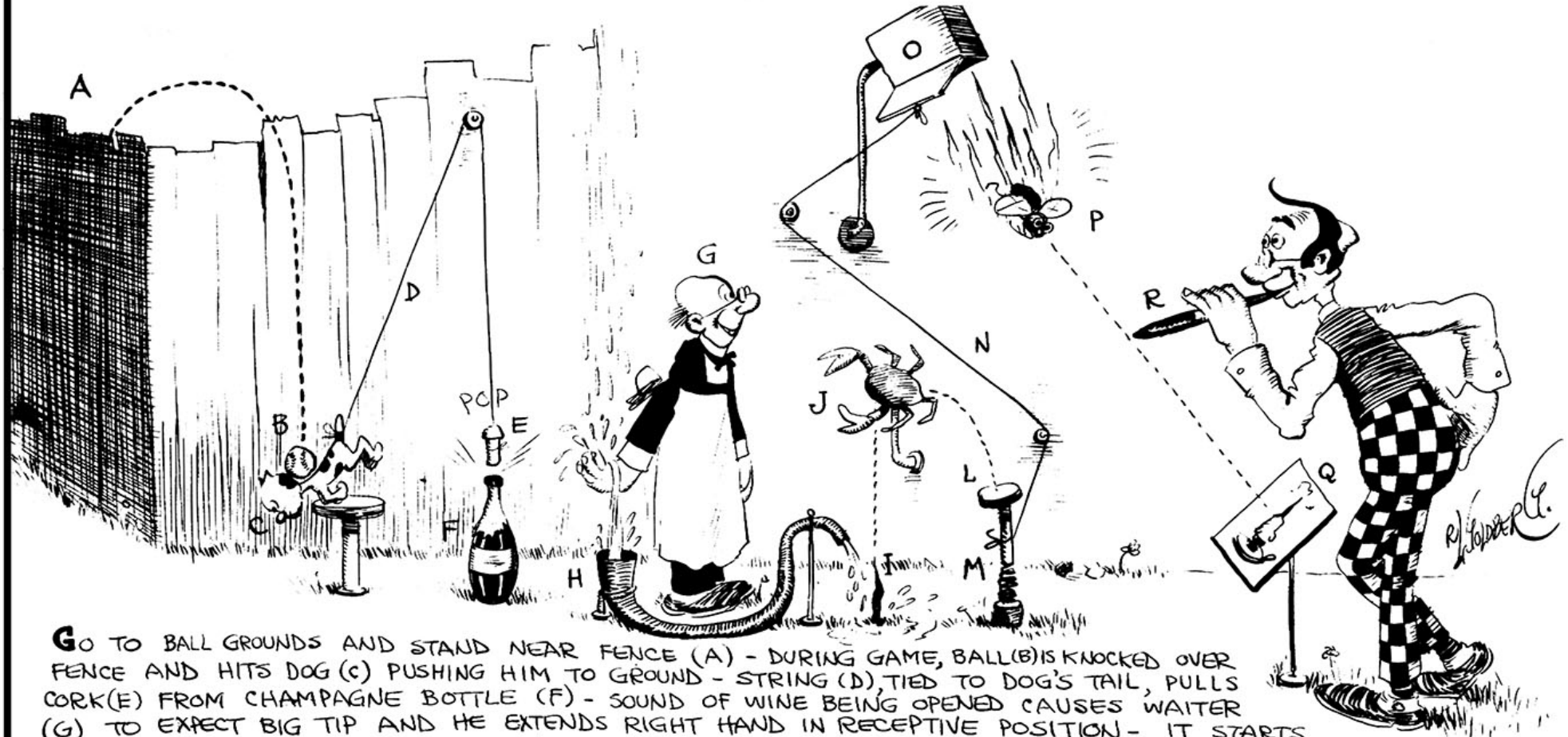


WHISTLE-STOPS (A) OF **IKE, ADLAI** AND **HARRY** KEEP FARMER (B) RUNNING TO DEPOT, PULLING BOWL OF SPAGHETTI (C) AWAY FROM **HUNGRY MARIO LANZA** (D) —

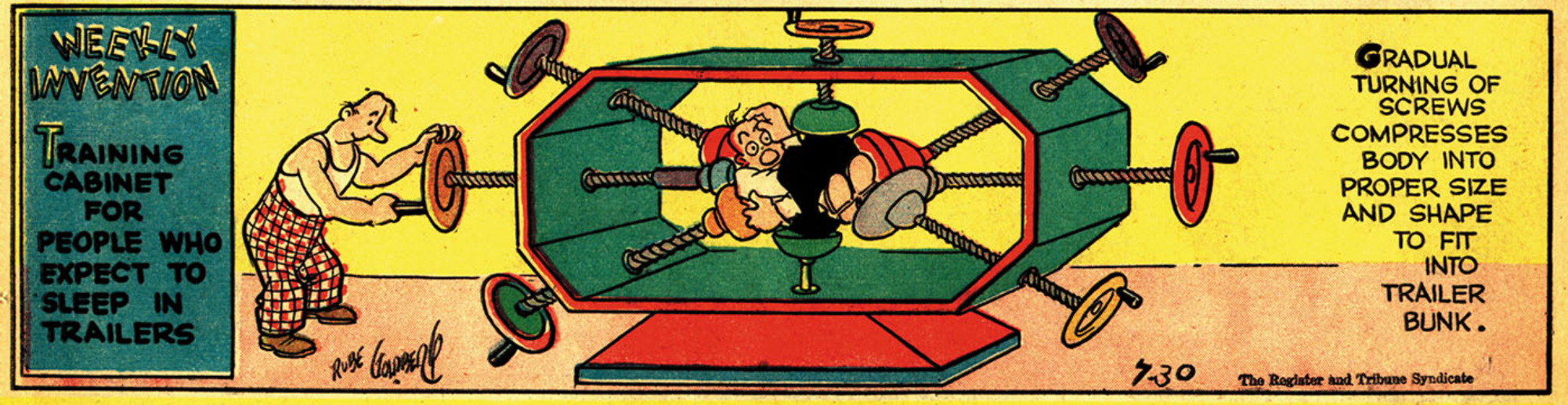
MARIO, HOPPING MAD, STARTS PRINTING PRESS TURNING OUT WORLD SERIES TICKETS (E) —

OREGON LOG-ROLLER (F) RUNS FOR TICKETS, SPINNING LOG (G) AND TURNING EMERY WHEEL, (H) WHICH SHARPENS **DICK BUTTON'S** ICE SKATE (I) —

SPARKS IGNITE GAS IN AUTO TANK AND YOU LIGHT CIGARETTE OVER FLAMES (J) — **PHONE WIFE FROM WHEREVER YOU LAND** —



GO TO BALL GROUNDS AND STAND NEAR FENCE (A) - DURING GAME, BALL (B) IS KNOCKED OVER FENCE AND HITS DOG (C) PUSHING HIM TO GROUND - STRING (D), TIED TO DOG'S TAIL, PULLS CORK (E) FROM CHAMPAGNE BOTTLE (F) - SOUND OF WINE BEING OPENED CAUSES WAITER (G) TO EXPECT BIG TIP AND HE EXTENDS RIGHT HAND IN RECEPTIVE POSITION - IT STARTS TO RAIN - RAIN FALLS IN WAITER'S HAND AND RUNS IN STEADY STREAM INTO PIPE (H) - WATER FINALLY DROPS ON BLADE OF GRASS (I) - GRASS GROWS UNTIL IT TICKLES SOFT-SHELL CRAB (J) UNDER THE CHIN, MAKING HIM LAUGH - HE FALLS TO PLATFORM (L), MOVING SPRING (M) DOWNWARD AND PULLING STRING (N) WHICH OPENS BOX (O) AND RELEASES FIREFLY (P) - FIREFLY, THINKING PICTURE OF CANDLE (Q) IS REAL THING, GETS JEALOUS AND SPRINGS UPON IT, PASSING CIGAR (R) AND GIVING IT REQUIRED LIGHT.


WEEKLY INVENTION
TRAINING CABINET FOR PEOPLE WHO EXPECT TO SLEEP IN TRAILERS
RUBE GOLDBERG
GRADUAL TURNING OF SCREWS COMPRESSES BODY INTO PROPER SIZE AND SHAPE TO FIT INTO TRAILER BUNK.
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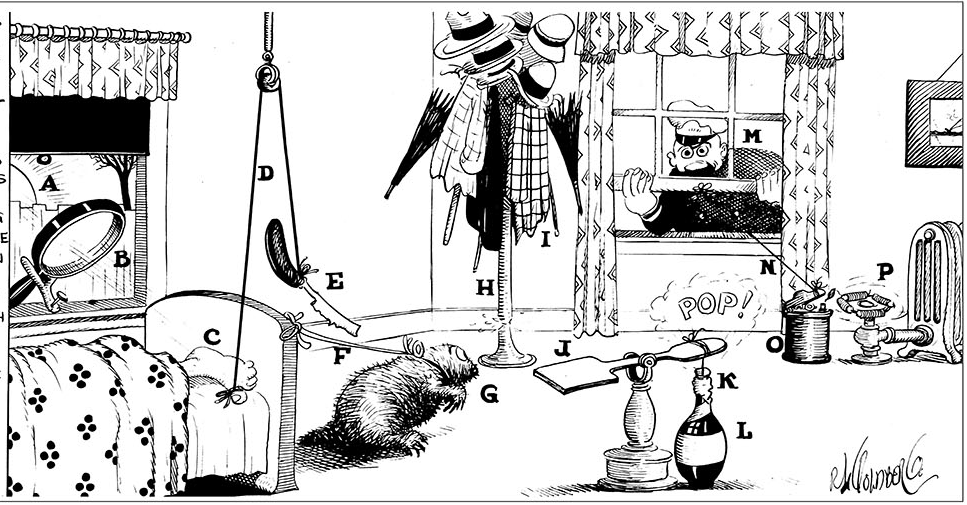
Turn On the Steam Before You Get Out of Bed

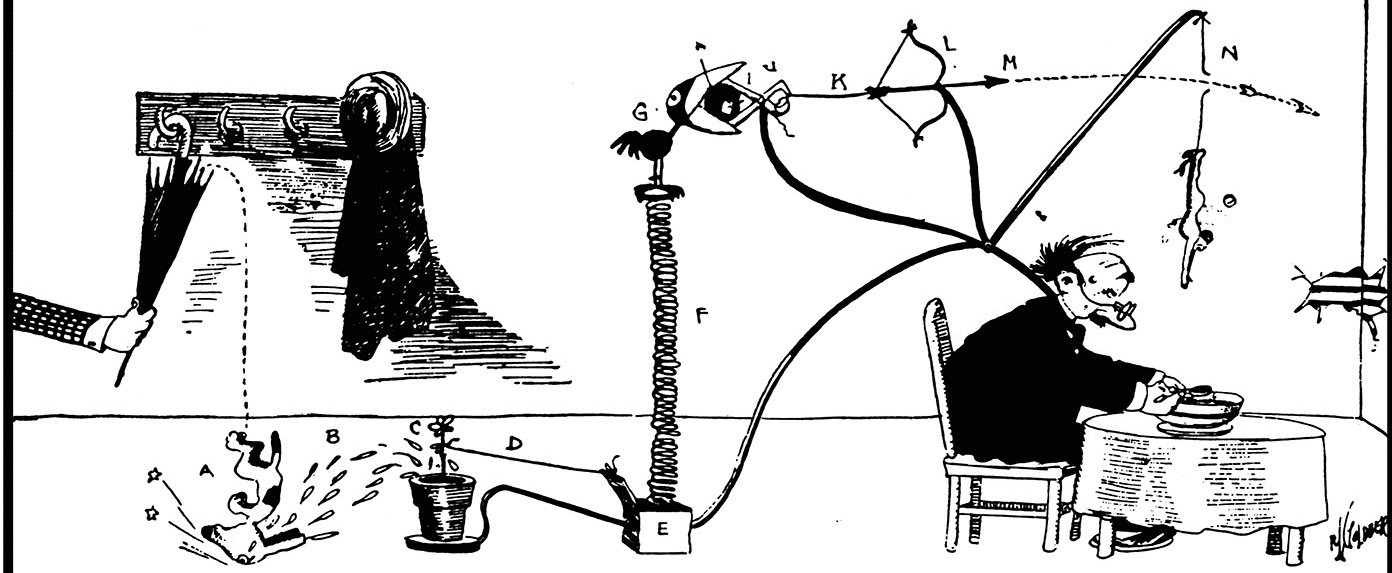
The Professor puts the wrong end of his cigar in his mouth and spits out an idea for turning on the steam before you get out of bed.

Early morning Sun (A) shines through magnifying glass (B) which focusses ray on foot (C). As foot is drawn away in pain string (D) causes razor (E) to cut cord (F) and release beaver (G). Beaver gnaws clothes tree (H) which he mistakes for a young sapling. Clothes (I) fall on paddle (J), causing end to pull cork (K) from champagne bottle (L) with a loud report. Passing policeman thinks he hears pistol shot, opens window (M) to investigate and causes string (N) to work lighter (O) which lights fourth of July pinwheel (P) which revolves and turns on the radiator.

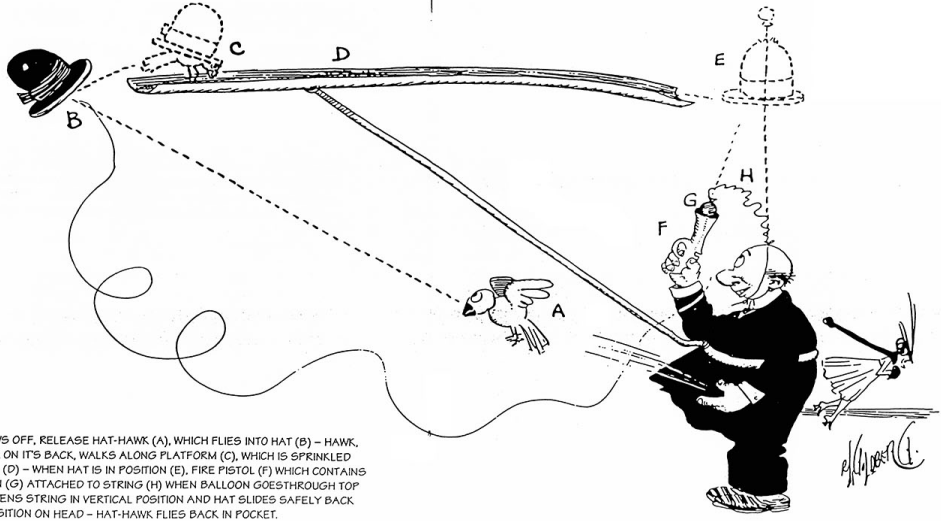
Of course the big problem is where to get the champagne. And after that you must make it a point to get out of bed before the policeman can drink it.



WEAR ONE OF OUR UMBRELLA-ALARMS AND NO ONE CAN STEAL YOUR UMBRELLA—By Goldberg

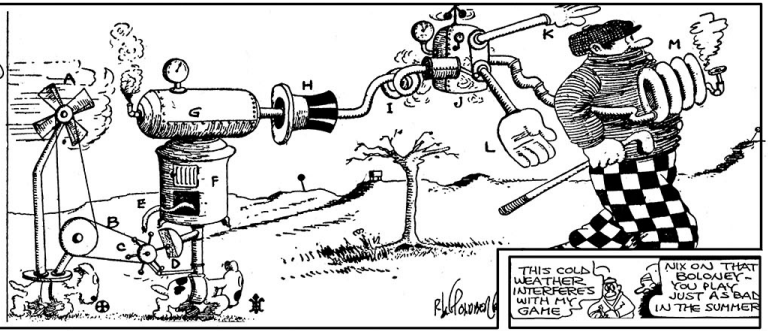


ALWAYS CARRY A PRUNE-HOUND IN YOUR UMBRELLA - WHEN THIEF'S HAND GRABS UMBRELLA, PRUNE-HOUND (A) WAKES UP AND JUMPS OUT FROM FRIGHT - HE HITS HEAD TERRIBLE BUMP ON FLOOR AND STARTS CRYING - TEARS (B) WATER PLANT (C) WHICH GROWS AND PULLS STRING (D), OPENING BOX (E) AND RELEASING SPRING (F). BOOB-BIRD (G) IS RAISED TO APPLE (H), HELD BETWEEN TWEEZERS (I) - BIRD BITES APPLE, OPENING GRIP (J), LETTING CORD (K) LOOSE. CONSEQUENTLY, BOW (L) SHOOTS ARROW (M) INTO THREAD (N), CUTTING IT IN HALF AND DROPPING IMAGE OF ANNETTE KELLERMAN (O) INTO THE SOUP, GIVING THE OWNER OF THE UMBRELLA INSTANT WARNING OF FOUL PLAY.



WHEN HAT BLOWS OFF, RELEASE HAT-HAWK (A), WHICH FLIES INTO HAT (B) – HAWK, WITH HAT STUCK ON IT'S BACK, WALKS ALONG PLATFORM (C), WHICH IS SPRINKLED WITH BIRD-SEED (D) – WHEN HAT IS IN POSITION (E), FIRE PISTOL (F) WHICH CONTAINS SMALL BALLOON (G) ATTACHED TO STRING (H) WHEN BALLOON GOESTHROUGH TOP OF HAT, IT TIGHTENS STRING IN VERTICAL POSITION AND HAT SLIDES SAFELY BACK TO ORIGINAL POSITION ON HEAD – HAT-HAWK FLIES BACK IN POCKET.

COLD BREEZE TURNS WINDMILL (A) CAUSING PULLEY (B) TO TURN WHEEL OF MATCHES (C), WHICH STRIKE ON SANDPAPER (D) LIGHTING FUSE (E), WHICH STARTS FIRE IN STOVE (F) – WATER BOILS IN BOILER (G), SENDING STEAM THROUGH HIGH HAT (H) – HIGH HAT HAS NO SCIENTIFIC VALUE BUT IS PUT IN MACHINE FOR SOCIAL REASONS – STEAM GOES THROUGH PIPE (I) INTO STEAM ENGINE (J), CAUSING HANDS, (K) & (L), TO SLAP GOLFER ON HEAD AND BACK TILL HE GETS WARM – EXHAUST STEAM PASSES THROUGH RADIATOR (M) WHICH WARDS OFF PNEUMONIA – IF TWO DOGS, ⊕ & ⊕, FREEZE TO DEATH, GET NEW DOGS.



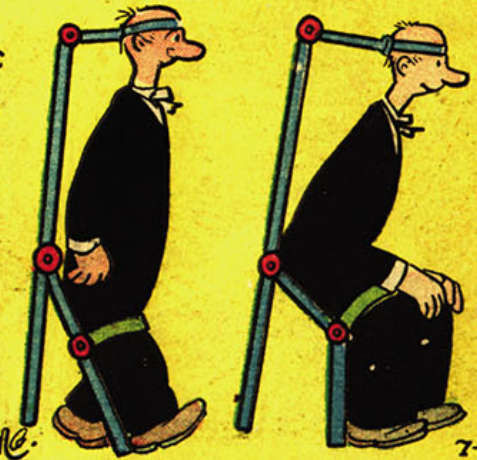
WEEKLY INVENTION

WORLD'S FAIR GADGETS

STRAW HAT WITH WINDOW SHADE TO PROTECT HUSBAND FROM EYE-STRAIN IN AMUSEMENT AREA.

~CHILD-FINDER~ LOST CHILD CRIES, BLOWS FLAME FROM CANDLE AND IGNITES FUSE WHICH SETS OFF SKYROCKET.

AUTOMATIC FOLDING SEAT FOR LONG HIKES THROUGH INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITS



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